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LATEST FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

LEFT ALONE.

LONDON GIRL'S JOURNEY TO PARIS.

Paris, Saturday Night.—An extraordinary and pathetic case came before the notice of the Prefecture of Police to-day, when a little girl arrived in Paris to look for an unknown relative from whom she hoped to obtain assistance. The little wanderer, who is only 12 years of age, came to Paris from Dieppe. Her name, she said, was Maria Tordello, and she was born in Glasgow, though of Italian parentage. Two years ago both her mother and father died, and the child was left alone in the great city, with no one to whom she could look for advice or assistance. She obtained employment with a merchant in London, after having

surmounted great difficulties, but she had found life very hard, and at last had determined to make her way to Paris in search of a relative of whom she had heard her parents speak. In reply to the inquiries of the police, she was only able to tell them that she had heard that the relative was in the dramatic profession. She was now quite penniless, and she earnestly begged that if she was unable to find him she might be sent to the village in Italy in which her mother was born. She thought some of her mother's friends might help her. The authorities have communicated with the British Consul on the subject, and it is understood that little Maria will be taken back to London.—Central News.

CYCLONE IN ITALY.

SEVERAL KILLED IN DISASTER.

Rome, Saturday.—A disastrous cyclone has passed across Italy to-day, doing immense damage in various districts. Houses have been destroyed at Terni, Attiliano, Molinella, and other towns, and reports are still coming in of the havoc caused throughout the country. Several persons have been killed and a large number injured, but up to the present exact details have not been received in Rome. Trains have been stopped in several districts, and communication between towns has been interrupted.—Central News.

AIRSHIPS FOR FRANCE.

MINISTER OF WAR ORDERS TWO BALLOONS.

Paris, Saturday.—Orders have been given by the Minister for War for the construction of two new dirigible balloons for army use. The new airships will be of the Ville de Paris type. The first will be constructed and named the Colonel Charles Dard, in honour of the former manager of the Parquet Aerostatique at Chalais-Meudon, the inventor of the first dirigible balloon in 1864.—Central News.

INDIAN SEDITION.

ANOTHER SALUTARY SENTENCE ON AN EDITOR.

Bombay, Saturday.—Mr. Tilak is petitioning to obtain the permission of the full bench to appeal to the Privy Council against his conviction for sedition. The editor of the "Marathi" at a Marathi weekly, published at Yotmal, in the Central Provinces, has been sentenced to five years' hard labour for sedition.—Central News.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF SESSIONS DECLARED, IN SENTENCING THREE OF THE SIX MEN CONVICTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUMBAI OUTRAGE, THAT THEY WERE UNDOUBTEDLY MEMBERS OF A SECRET ASSASSINATION SOCIETY WHICH WAS PLOTTING A REVOLUTION. THE MEN WERE ARRESTED AT A HOUSE IN HARRISON ROAD, CALCUTTA, WHERE A STORE OF BOMBS AND EXPLOSIVES WAS DISCOVERED IN A POLICE RAID MADE AFTER THE MUMBAI OUTRAGE. THREE OF THE MEN WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE, AND THE OTHER THREE TO YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE. THE OTHER THREE WERE ACQUITTED. THEIR DISCHARGE WAS, HOWEVER, SUSPENDED, AS THEY, WITH ARABINDO GHOSH AND 30 OTHERS, ARE IMPLICATED IN A CASE NOW BEING TRIED BY THE ALIPORE DISTRICT COURT.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

New York, Saturday.—The steamer Premier, belonging to Toronto, was wrecked yesterday on Lake Winnebago, and subsequently caught fire and was totally destroyed. Eight of the crew perished. The Premier was a small vessel of about 350 tons.—Central News.

AN INDIAN LAW SUIT.

Bombay, Saturday.—After a hearing lasting seven months, judgment has now been given in the action brought by Haji Bibi, widow, against Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan, and 13 others, in which plaintiff, a daughter of the late Aga Jahangir Khan, sued, as one of the heirs of the late Aga Khan, to recover from the first defendant her share in the

WEALTHY WIDOWS.

DOVAGERS AND DOLLARS BY RHODE ISLAND.

New York, Saturday.—The society correspondent of "The New York American" has been furnishing his paper with some figures with regard to the present assemblage of wealth and fashion at Newport, the summer resort in Rhode Island. Never, he says, has there been such a collection of notables, while the money represented by the wealthy widows now enjoying themselves at the fashionable watering place would amount to at least two hundred million dollars. It is reported from Newport that the engagement of Count Maurice Perigay to Mrs. Ledinger Derenicht, of London, will shortly be announced.—Central News.

HARRY THAW BANKRUPT.

RECEIVER APPOINTED TO PROTECT JUST CREDITORS.

Pittsburg, Saturday.—Counsel on behalf of Harry K. Thaw yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy. Petitioner declares that all he has left is \$28,012 dollars, whereas there are claims by lawyers and alienists against him amounting to \$53,140 dollars, most of which he describes as unjust. A receiver has been appointed. Seen at Pittsburgh, Pa. Thaw said that the proceedings were a business necessity to protect his just creditors. The defence has already cost \$200,000 dollars.—Reuter.

TURKISH PASHA INSULTED.

Belgrade, Saturday.—It is reported from the Turkish frontier that the Young Turk Pasha, the President of the Commission for the surveying of the Sava River, was insulted by the Austro-Hungarian Pasha at the station at Ustak some persons in the crowd assembled there spat in his face, and at the station of Voles he had the equities torn from his shoulders.—Reuter.

BEQUEST TO AN M.P.

OVER £200,000 FOR THE WIFE OF MR. JOYNSON-HICKS.

Mr. Richard Hampson Joynton, of Chasfield, Bowdon, Cheshire, and of Chasfield, Aberystwyth, Pembrokeshire, J.P. for Cheshire, and chairman of the Altrincham Bench, formerly in business as a silk manufacturer, who died on June 12 last, aged 69 years, left estate of the gross value of £241,000 lbs. 8s. 4d., of which the net personalty had been sworn at £199,423 lbs. 10s. Probate of his will has been granted to his son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Joynton-Hicks, M.P., solicitor, of Old Jerry Chambers, B.C. his nephew, Mr. Alfred Edward Gaddum, merchant, of Oakley, Bowdon, Cheshire, and Mr. Bulkeley Allen, J.P., of West Lynn, Altrincham, to each of whom for the executorship the testator left £500.

The testator left £10,000 to his son, Mr. Wm. Joynton-Hicks, M.P., £25,000 to Mr. Wm. Joynton, son of his late brother Edward, and other legacies, the remainder, over £230,000, going to his daughter, Mrs. Grace Lynn Joynton-Hicks, to whom he left all his jewels, household and personal effects, horses, carriages, and consumable stores, and his residence Chasfield, Bowdon, and all his other property. He also left £100,000 to be settled upon his daughter and her issue, with power to appoint a life interest therein to a husband surviving, and all his other property to her absolutely.

PRESENTATION TO MR. AMERY

At a Unionist demonstration held yesterday at Wolverhampton racecourse, Mr. L. S. Amery (U.), who was defeated at a recent by-election in East Wolverhampton by Ald. Thorne (R.), was presented by his supporters with a gold watch and chain and eight silver cups. During the contest Mr. Amery's gold watch, a memento of a plucky fight at the General Election, was stolen.

"NOT YET AWHILE."

NO GENERAL ELECTION IN PROSPECT.

At Bristol yesterday the Committee of the N. Somerset Liberal Association adopted Mr. J. King, of Witley, Surrey, as prospective candidate in place of Mr. Bateman Hope, M.P., who will not seek re-election. He has unsuccessfully contested Thanet and the New Forest Divisions. Sir E. Strachey, M.P., Treasurer of the Honors, who presided, said the vacancy in N. Somerset would not occur immediately, and he could assure them, as a member of the Government, that there was not going to be a General Election yet awhile.

STOP PRESS.

DISASTER IN HUNGARY.

Severely Hungry, Saturday.—A terrible disaster, accompanied by a hurricane, broke over this town this evening, doing enormous damage. A great factory collapsed, falling on the boilerhouses and drying rooms, where over a hundred workmen were taking a meal, and were buried under the ruins. All the doctors in the town, with the troops, hurried to the scene of the disaster. It is to the present four dead and 11 severely, and many slightly, injured. The ruins of the factory are still a sight to fill the mind, but it is believed that most of them had in the terror when the explosion occurred.—Reuter.

EXECUTION OF AN ANARCHIST.

Barcelona, Saturday.—Juan Rull, the anarchist who was condemned to death as being the principal author of a number of bomb outrages in Barcelona, was executed today in the courtyard of the Model Prison. The public were rigorously excluded. Rull, who had been unable to sleep the previous night, was in a state of great nervous excitement, but maintained his self-control. The condemned man confessed to a priest at midnight and received the communion at 5 a.m. He was afterwards present at three consecutive masses.—Reuter.

ENGLISH BEAUTIES.

SELECTED TO COMPETE WITH FOREIGN.

"Are you a beauty?" was the catch phrase in Folkestone on Friday. Each London train that steamed into the Central Station was met by a battalion of the youth of Folkestone eagerly looking for entrants for the preliminary beauty show in the Pier Pavilion that night. In the evening the competitors went on to the stage in two detachments—the local talent, and then the class for visitors. The girls sat in two rows in a semi-circle on the stage, each wearing a printed number. But there was no No. 13. Nobody would accept it. "No. 1," called Mr. Rbt. Forsyth, and No. 1 stepped upon a dais beneath the limelight. She remained for 30 seconds, and the second "beauty" took the platform; and so on until the local class was finished. Then came the open class. They were in all manner of costume. Some in

SLUMP IN TRADE.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS STILL DECREASE.

The Board of Trade returns for July, which were issued yesterday afternoon, show that the imports and exports for the past month, compared with July, 1907, were as follows:—

| | Imports | Exports |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| July, 1908 | £48,775,035 | £53,705,725 |
| July, 1907 | £52,307,771 | £40,452,535 |
| Decrease | £3,532,736 | £13,253,190 |

Compared with the first seven months of last year, the imports and exports during the seven months ending July, 1908, show the following enormous decreases:—

| | Imports | Exports |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Imports | £24,492,660 | £24,090,660 |
| Exports | £24,492,660 | £24,090,660 |

On analysing these totals it is found that the decrease in the imports was largely due to a falling off in our purchases of raw materials. The diminution under this head amounted to

KING AND QUEEN.

RETURN TO LONDON YESTERDAY FROM COWES.

The King and Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria, and Prince Edward of Wales, left Cowes yesterday morning in the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert for the Port of Southampton. The Royal yacht was accompanied by the Royal Yacht Squadron. The scene as the Royal yacht passed through the Fleet off Spithead was most brilliant. All the vessels were decorated, and the crews drawn up along the bulwarks and in the fighting-tops. The thousands of people packed in excursion boats and massed along the shore, watched the Royal progress to Portsmouth, where his Majesty arrived at 11.30.

Surprise Visit to Naval Hospital.

Before taking lunch on board the Victoria and Albert, the King and Queen, with the Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria, and Prince Edward, paid a surprise visit across the harbour to Haslar Hospital. The greater part of the time spent by the Royal party at the hospital was devoted to an inspection of the laboratory, where the research work in progress was carefully explained to the distinguished visitors by Fleet Surgeon Bassett-Smith. The officers' sick wards were afterwards visited, the Royal party chatting with several of the patients. Rejoining the Royal yacht the party partook of luncheon, and then landed about three o'clock, being received on the South Railway jetty by the Naval and Military Chiefs of the Port and Garrison. The Royal party left for Victoria to the accompaniment of another salute of 21 guns from the warships in harbour and at Spithead and the Garrison Battery.

Enthusiasm at Victoria.

The arrival platform at Victoria was covered with red baize, and the special train steamed into the station at five o'clock. Wearing a yachting suit and white cap, his Majesty looked in extremely good health. He chatted for some minutes with the Marquis de Soveral (Portuguese Minister), the Chevalier de Martino (Marine Painter in Ordinary to his Majesty), and the Hon. H. Stenor, all of whom travelled in the Royal train. Her Majesty was attired in a costume of light grey, and wore a light mauve toque, and the Princess also wore grey. The members of the suite were Lord Knollys, Sir G. Clarke, Maj. Fitz-Pensby, the Hon. Charles Knollys, and the Hon. Louisa Knollys. Their Majesties were enthusiastically received as they drove to Buckingham Palace by the large crowds which had assembled on route. In attendance on the Prince of Wales, who wore admiral's uniform, was Sir C. Cust. Prince Edward wore his smart cadet suit. The Prince of Wales drove to Marlborough House in an open motor, and he was likewise heartily cheered by the large crowds.

NEXT WEEK'S ARRANGEMENTS.

His Majesty will leave Victoria Station to-morrow afternoon at 4.10 for the Continent. The special train will run direct to Dover, where the Royal yacht Alexandra will be waiting to convey the King to Calais. His Majesty will meet the German Emperor at Cronberg, and Sir F. Lascelles, the British Ambassador in Berlin, will also be present at the meeting of the Sovereigns. The King is to meet the Emperor Frederick Joseph at Ischl, and on the 12th inst. his Majesty is expected to reach Marienbad, where he will remain until about the first week in September. The Queen and Princess Victoria, it is expected, will to-morrow leave for Scotland. Her Majesty has not yet decided if she will break the journey at Sandringham.

PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Princess of Wales, with Lady Eva Douglas and Mr. E. W. Wallington in attendance, returned to Marlborough House from Frogmore yesterday by motor car. H.E.H. will remain at Marlborough House until Tuesday, when the Prince will leave London on a series of visits in the North, and the Princess will return to Frogmore with Prince Edward. The Princess and her children will go to Scotland at the end of the month.



NELLIE JARMAN. MAUD WATSON. WINNIE PICKFORD.

short walking skirts and trim blouses, and others in evening dress. It was curious to watch the demeanour of the girls under the eyes of their cheering, laughing critics. Only a few seemed natural and at ease. The winners, chosen by the votes of the audience, were:—

Local Class.—1, Miss Maud Watson; 2, Miss Winnie Osborne; 3, Miss Dorothy Crispin—all of Folkestone.

Open Class.—1, Miss Nellie Jarman, Feltham-avenue, East Molesey; 2, Miss Nellie Lever, Maidia Vale; 3, Miss Winnie Pickford, Chelsea.

They will next week meet the foreign competitors in the International Beauty Show, also to be held at Folkestone. At the Eastern Counties ladies' beauty show, to be held on Aug. 19 at the Kussal at Southend, the prizes will be awarded according to the amount of applause given by the audience to each competitor as she steps before the limelight.

CONSTITUTION CONGRESS.

The Constitution Congress re-assembled yesterday at the Franco-British Exhibition. Lord Milner attended, but did not take part in the debate. The discussion covered a wide range, including the constitution of the United States, London government, and the position of the House of Lords in respect of the Old Age Pensions Act. In regard to the last-named, Sir W. Chance described the speech of Lord Lansdowne as dignified, and said we were in danger of autocratic government by the Commons.

SLAUGHTER OF COREANS.

Berlin, Saturday.—Advices from Corea state that since last August 16,000 Korean rebels have been killed by Japanese soldiers and police. The rebels on their side have killed 700 Koreans and 74 Japanese. They also burned 5,508 Korean houses and 11 Japanese residences. The Emperor of Corea and the Government have subscribed 350,000 marks in aid of the victims of the outrages.—Dalliel.

RUSSIAN SHIP ARRESTED.

The Russian ship Lindisfarne, of Lynd, which arrived at Queenstown from Victoria, was arrested yesterday under an Admiralty Court warrant at the suit of the owners of the French ship Knechtel, for having caused damage to the latter vessel by a collision off the Banks of Newfoundland in August last. The writ was issued for the sum of £1,000.

THE CHANNEL SWIM.

ABERDEEN MAN MAKES HIS FIRST ATTEMPT.

Another aspirant for the honour of swimming the Channel has arisen. Yesterday Jas. Mearns, of Aberdeen, commenced his first attempt from the South Foreland. Mearns is the amateur long-distance swimming champion of Scotland, and a well-known international water polo player. The best of his previous swims was that from Aberdeen to Port Lathon, a distance of 12 miles, in water of only 49 degrees temperature. Mearns is a man of giant build, with a chest measurement of 46, and turns the scale at over 13 stone. He swims a strong right overhand stroke. He made steady progress from the start of the swim, and a pigeon despatch received at Dover stated that at 10 o'clock Mearns was 10 miles from the English coast. The temperature of the sea was about 62 degrees.

MID-CHANNEL PASSED.

Mearns was accompanied by the steam yacht "Sea Wolf," with a party of swimmers and friends, and a small boat attended him. The Channel was overcast and hazy, with a slight breeze. Up to 11 o'clock, after three hours' swimming, Mearns' further seaward drift was to the South Goodwin Lightship, with the ebb tide, which had then set in. The swimmer was slowly set down the Channel, but all the time made good progress towards France at the rate of about a mile and a half an hour, making from 27 to 28 strokes a minute. When halfway across the Channel he was taking nourishment frequently, and stated that he felt as fresh as when he first entered the water. The Calais boat Le Lord passed him about mid-Channel, when he was in a direct line with Dover. A message received at mid-night from our Dover correspondent stated that a thick haze enveloped the Channel, but when the last report was

CAMP LIFE.

TERRITORIALS UNDER CANVAS.

Yesterday saw the completion of the first week's training of the Territorials engaged on Salisbury Plain, and many of the men returned home last night. The South Midland Division is, however, joining, and will bring some 9,000 men to the Plain, which will more than counter-balance the deficiencies of the outgoing Londoners. The 5th London Brigade, which leaves the Plain to-day, after a fortnight's work, has done very well indeed. Of course, one cannot expect a very high standard to be reached in a short time, but comparatively the Londoners have developed with surprising quickness. They are all so keen and zealous, and this makes up for lack of training time.

A Successful Attack.

Early yesterday the 4th London Brigade, Queen's Westminster, Civil Service, London Scottish, Kensington, Artists, and Inns of Court had an attack across Lavington Down. The scene of operations is many miles from this camp, but it is understood that the march out was splendidly performed, and the attack was thrust home in capital fashion. The South Midland Division are to encamp on Perham Down. The area occupied by the camps will be realigned when it is stated that the most westerly camp on West Down is by road 14 miles from Perham Down. Living between is one of the best stretches of unspoiled manœuvring country that we possess, and the value of it is shown in the splendid and fit condition of the London battalions, whose marching has done them a world of good.

SCHOOLBOY SOLDIERS.

RESULTS OF THE PRINCIPAL COMPETITIONS.

The schoolboys' "Bible" came to an end yesterday, when the prizes were presented by Lord Chylesmore, chairman of the Council of the National Bible Association. The results of the principal competitions were:—

Patriotic Society Shield and Prizes.—Series A: First prize, challenge shield and silver medal, G. C. Rice (Abingdon School); 2nd, G. C. Rice (Abingdon School); 3rd, E. C. Hart (Finchley); 4th, S. B. First prize, challenge shield and silver medal, F. Keynough (Lichfield); 2nd, B. Brown (Grocers); 3rd, A. C. Benschel (Haberghashers); 4th, J. Keynough (Lichfield).

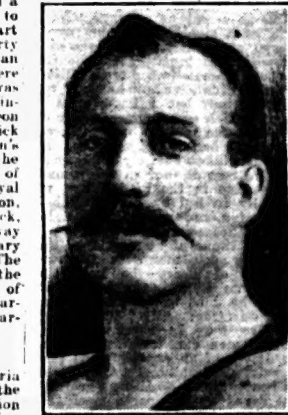
London Small Arms Company Competition for Teams of Four.—First, Mercers' School; 2nd, Saffron Walden; 3rd, St. Dunstan's College; 4th, Blackheath School; Challenge Cup.—First prize, challenge cup and memento medal, F. Inkens (Dartford); 2nd, H. Leutas (Saffron Walden); 3rd, W. M. Tucker (Dartford); 4th, J. Keynough (Lichfield).

Chesham Challenge Shield.—First, J. Milne (Haberghashers); 2nd, J. Milne (Haberghashers); 3rd, L. C. Fenlon (Dartford); 4th, J. Keynough (Lichfield).

Frankfort Challenge Shield.—First, Mercers' School; 2nd, Saffron Walden; 3rd, St. Dunstan's College; 4th, Blackheath School; Challenge Cup.—First prize, challenge cup and memento medal, F. Inkens (Dartford); 2nd, H. Leutas (Saffron Walden); 3rd, W. M. Tucker (Dartford); 4th, J. Keynough (Lichfield).

Keynough Challenge Shield.—First, M. E. Hald (Royal Masonic School); 2nd, J. Milne (Haberghashers); 3rd, J. Milne (Haberghashers); 4th, J. Keynough (Lichfield).

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JAMES MEARNS.

received Mearns was making satisfactory progress.

T. W. Burgess, of Rotherham, is to make a further attempt to swim across the Channel to-morrow.

QUEENSLAND'S OFFICES.

FAMOUS RESTAURANT BOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The Adelphi Restaurant in the Strand has been acquired from Messrs. Gatti on long lease by the Queensland Government, who, next month, will proceed to convert it into new London headquarters. Sir Horace Tozer, the Agent-General for Queensland, when seen by a Press representative, said he hoped to move from Victoria to the Strand at the end of the year. This remarkable development will place Queensland in possession of a splendid central position. The present chief office at 1, Victoria-st., is on a first floor and offers no facility for exhibiting the products of Queensland to the public. The Imperial Institute used to do this, but, unfortunately, people did not go there to see. In Queensland's new premises, however, the ground floor will be occupied by a permanent exhibition of the products of this enterprising State, in charge of a commercial manager.

LORD ROBERTS COMING HOME.

The steamship Empress of Britain, with Lord Roberts on board, sailed from Quebec for Liverpool at four o'clock on Friday afternoon. Lordship spent the morning driving about the town. He looked well, and stated that he was much improved in health. Sir Louis Jetté, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, and Mr. Garneau, the Mayor, called at the steamer to bid Lord Roberts adieu. A crowd of volunteer officers, in mufti, and citizens also assembled on the wharf and heartily cheered his lordship.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Saturday.—The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Minister yesterday signed and exchanged the notes relating to the delimitation of Russian and Japanese possessions in the island of Saghalien.

FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER.

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).

| | Westerly winds, moderate or fresh, cool, unsettled, some rain. |
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| 1. SCOTLAND, N. | South-westerly, with some showers; rather cooler. |
| 2. ENGLAND, N.E. | Light breezes, chiefly westerly; cloudy generally, with some showers; rather cooler. |
| 3. ENGLAND, E. | Light breezes, chiefly westerly; cloudy generally, with some showers; rather cooler. |
| 4. MIDLAND COUNTIES. | Light breezes, chiefly westerly; cloudy generally, with some showers; rather cooler. |
| 5. ENGLAND, S. (London & Channel) | South-westerly and westerly winds, fresh, cool, dull, some rain, misty or foggy on coast. |
| 6. SCOTLAND, W. | South-westerly and westerly winds, moderate or fresh, cool, cloudy, some showers. |
| 7. ENGLAND, N.W. & N. | Same as No. 3 to 5. |
| 8. ENGLAND, S.W. & S. | Same as No. 3 to 5. |
| 9. IRELAND, N. | Same as No. 3 to 5. |
| 10. IRELAND, S. | Same as No. 3 to 5. |
| 11. W. CHANNEL AND BAY. | Light westerly winds, with cloudy intervals; variable breezes, with fair weather, sea sight generally. |

SUN Rises 4.37 a.m. Moon 8.57 p.m. Sets 7.33 p.m. (Note: 0.5 a.m. Lighting-up time for vehicles, 6.33 p.m.)

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

| | LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BRISTOL, Hull, m.m. a.m. m.m. a.m. m.m. a.m. m.m. a.m. |
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TRAGIC SUICIDE.

SEQUEL TO A STABBING AFFRAY.

At Brixton Prison Mr. Geo. P. Wyatt conducted an inquiry with reference to the death of a man, Martin Backenstrass, 30, a Latvian, who was a prisoner under remand on a charge of murdering Ferdinand Auguste Allet, a fellow-countryman, employed at the Bath Club, Dover. Previously, by stabbing him in the heart on the night of July 27. A coroner's jury at Westminster had returned a verdict of wilful murder against Backenstrass. The accused man had committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell on the day previous. Det. Sgt. Madigan, stationed at Vinson, said he had made inquiries about the antecedents of the deceased man, and had been unable to find any friends or relatives. He lived in Little Woodgate, Tottenham Court-road, and was of French nationality. It appeared that the man had always borne a good character, both in Paris and London. He had had very bad health, having undergone three serious operations for gastric trouble. Prison Warder Robson, of Brixton Prison, stated that at 6.10 on Thursday morning he was going round the prison, when he found Backenstrass suspended by his neck to his braces, which he had fastened to the ventilator behind the door. He was wearing only his shirt. With assistance without delay, he was taken down, and died after artificial respiration, but without avail.

His Conscience Clear.

—Wm. Heydon, an assistant warder, said he was on night patrol from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. He visited the various cells and looked through the inspection glasses every quarter of an hour. He last saw Backenstrass at 4.50 a.m., when he was lying on his bed. At 6 a.m. he reported to Principal Warder Robson that everything was correct, and then went to duty. The deceased prisoner had made no complaint whatever. —Dr. Jas. Scott, medical officer, deposed that he saw Backenstrass soon after his admission on the evening of July 26. The man told him that he had suffered from a nervous affection, and witness found that he had two comparatively recent operations. He behaved rationally and quietly, answering questions that were put to him. Shortly after six on the Thursday morning witness was called to him, and found that the hospital warder was trying artificial respiration. Witness continued it for a considerable time, but without effect. The appearance was quite consistent with death from asphyxia by hanging. Witness found that prisoner had written a statement in German on the slate (produced). It was to the effect that he had been in bad health, and felt the disgrace, but that his conscience was quite clear, and that he was guilty of the offence with which he was charged. The jury found that prisoner had hanged himself whilst in a state of unaided mind.

A GALLANT LABOURER.

WARMLY COMMENDED BY CORONER AND JURY.

The story of a gallant but vain attempt to rescue a drowning man was told at Shoreditch during an inquest on Jas. Plant, 34, a stoker, employed at the Gutta Percha Co. of Wharfedale, City-road. Geo. Crane, a land-rail labourer, said that on Bank Holiday he was passing over the St. Peter's bridge of the Regent's Canal when he heard that a man was drowning. He immediately



GEORGE CRANE. (Photo, White.)

dropped over the bridge into the water, and for about ten minutes dived for him, but without success. He got on to the bank, and got a breath of air, and then went in again, eventually finding the man's body entangled in the reeds, and got him up and ashore. A juror: Did you undress? No, there is no time to undress when a man is drowning. The Coroner: You showed great pluck and promptitude. (Hear, hear.) — The jury, in returning a verdict of accidental death, warmly commended Crane for his plucky attempt to save the man's life.

PRESENT FOR THE BRIDE.

When Sir Frank Crisp received his knighthood a year ago he gave a complimentary dinner to the female staff employed at the post office at Henley-on-Thames, where he resides. During the proceedings Sir Frank offered to double the "compensatory allowance" given by the Post Office to female employees retiring to get married if any of those present were married during the ensuing five years. One of the young women in question has recently left the service in order to be married, and Sir Frank has fulfilled his promise by adding £45 to the marriage portion which she has received from the Post Office.

SCHOOL TREAT ON A RACE-COURSE.

Yesterday Sandown Park was placed at the disposal of the Esher Educational authority for the annual summer treat of the Esher school children, who marched there in procession.

DRINK AND THE LAW.

OBJECT LESSON FROM SCOTLAND.

It is a curious coincidence that almost simultaneously with the opening of the Parliamentary session in London, based on repression of a severe type, and temperance interest in Scotland, where repressive legislation has been carried out to the extreme extent, should be appearing a crisis which is attracting widespread attention. If people could be made exceptionally temperate by Parliamentary experiments, the people of Scotland ought to excel all other nations, but unfortunately this is far from being the case, as a different set of experiments is being tried in the great cities of this legislative island. The American people at an International Council of Congregationalists held in Edinburgh a few days ago said they had more drunkards in one night in Glasgow than they could be witnessed in an American city of similar size. In a month Sir Andrew Reed, late Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, is equally emphatic. He visited Glasgow in August, 1906, and walked about the principal streets at night to see for himself what was the closing hour of the public-houses—some of the streets crowded with drunken men. "In any city in Europe, the United States, or Canada I have ever visited did I see such a number of drunken persons. I thought the scene I witnessed was most disgraceful to any civilized place."

The State of Glasgow.

It is scarcely necessary, however, to invoke the observations of passing visitors. The facts submitted by the Chief Constables of Scottish towns and counties, and by the Prison Commissioners, year after year, represent a condition of things which is not only startling, but is going from bad to worse. In the year 1904 Scottish temperance reformers of the conservative type obtained the latest of their cherished schemes, the closing of all licensed houses at 10 p.m.—and since that date, surprising though it appears, the official statistics of arrest for drunkenness in all the large towns show a large and continuous increase. Glasgow affords the most striking illustration of this growing demoralisation. In his latest annual report, issued in May last, Chief Constable Stevenson stated that the number of apprehensions in Glasgow for drunkenness in 1907 was 21,055, or 26.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population. For an equal proportion of apprehensions we must (says Mr. Stevenson) go back to the years previous to 1900. Of the 21,055 arrests, 1,706 were effected on Sunday, and that, too, in a city where complete "Sunday closing" has been enforced since 1853. "Ten o'clock closing" has been in operation in Glasgow since May, 1904.

Ten o'clock closing.

The movement was heralded by Sir Samuel Chisholm, the leader of that group of reformers, as the inauguration of a new era in temperance reform. St. Mungo was to be transformed into a sober, God-fearing, Sabbath-loving community. But what are the incontestable facts, provided each year by the Chief Constable? In 1903, the "eleven o'clock closing," in 1,000 of Glasgow population were convicted on charges of drunkenness. In 1905, under the "ten o'clock closing," the convictions represented 12.3 per 1,000—the arrests being equal to 18.3 per 1,000. In 1906, when the "ten o'clock closing" was admitted by all fair-minded persons to have had a fair trial, it was found that the arrests on account of drunkenness ran up to 19,334, against 14,309 in 1905, an increase from 18.3 to 24.2 per 1,000 of the population. The Chief Constable in these annual reports candidly confessed his inability to account for the deplorable state of things which his reports disclosed.

No Time for Food.

The licensed trade make a strong point of a matter which is avoided by the official reports—the tendency of restriction to curtail the use of food by people who are drinking. In regard to this matter the trade say: "The officials are unable to draw any positive inference from the principal return, either for or against ten o'clock closing. The number of persons charged for drunkenness has increased by 60 per cent. The same phenomenon has followed early closing in Edinburgh. Is it not a fair inference that the same amount of drink swallowed in the shorter time is the cause of the extraordinary increase?" The members of our association also assure us that since the ten o'clock closing was introduced there has been a great diminution in some cases an entire cessation of the demand for eatables. When the hour of closing was 11 o'clock most customers had their pie, sausage roll, Welsh rarebit, or biscuit and cheese between 10 and 11, as this gave a reasonable interval after tea. This greatly tended to sobriety, and to decrease any physical consequences of alcohol, and for these reasons certain localities the public-house was the only place where a moderate supper could be obtained. The consumption of food has stopped, and the consumption of alcohol in its most potent form has gone up.

CONVICT ASSAULTS WARDER.

Convict assault was made at Dartmoor convict prison on an assistant warder named Hutchings. A convict under his charge slipped into the stokehold of a furnace used for heating the hall. Hutchings followed, and was struck by the runaway with the head with a heavy poker. A desperate struggle followed, and eventually the warder's cries for assistance brought the orderly convict to the scene. He blew Hutchings' whistle, and the alarm promptly brought other warders to the spot.

COMPOSITOR'S MISTAKE.

Yesterday, Leopold D. Ledgerwood, 41, a compositor, of Walberswick-st., Lambeth, drank a large dose of laudanum in mistake for medicine, and subsequently admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital in a critical condition.

WIDOWER AND GIRL.

AN ABDUCTION CHARGE FAILS.

Sidney James, 42, a photographer, of Allick-st., King's Cross, was charged, on remand, at West Ham, with taking Louisa Anne Whitehead, aged 16, out of the care of her parents without their consent. Prisoner is a widower, who has been twice married. According to the evidence of the girl, who looked at least 18 years of age, she had known James for four years, and during the last four months had walked out with him. She had told him she was 19 years of age, and on June 25 he told her he had put up the banns. He then asked her if he should go and see her father, who lived at Bidder-st., Canning Town, and knew nothing of the acquaintance between the two—but she objected, saying she would speak to him herself. On July 2 her father found some letters she had received from prisoner, and told her she

Must Give Him Up.

The next day she went and told prisoner about this, and declared she would not go back home again. He tried to persuade her to go back to her parents, but she was obstinate, and at last he said, "There is a home here if you like to stay, and we will be married as soon as possible." She said she would stay, and since then had lived with prisoner as Mrs. James, it being understood they would be married in a fortnight, and in a wayward manner. The parents learning what had happened, and on July 7, when Det. Sgt. Reed arrested him, James said he had offered to marry the girl, was willing to marry her, and had made a home for her. He had put up the banns, and intended to get married. Cross-examined by Mr. W. Daybell (who defended), the girl said she was

Never Quite Sure of Her Age.

She thought she would be 19 next March, and when she told prisoner she was 18 she really believed it. When she was at school there was a discussion as to her age. On July 3, when she went to prisoner, she told him she was very unhappy at home, and that she would not go back. He did not try to persuade her to stay with him. He told her it would be better for her to go home, as it would only be for a short time, that the banns were up, and that they would be married in a fortnight or three weeks. Her father—a step-father—strongly objected to a marriage. He had all along done so, and continued to do so. He had that morning refused his consent. Since the remand she had had trouble at home with her step-father, and had gone to the police station, and as a consequence had since left home.—Annie Blount, the mother produced a copy of the certificate of the girl's birth on March 31, 1892, and she said she knew of nothing dishonouring in prisoner's conduct prior to taking the girl away.

No Case for Trial.

—Hy. Blount, a step-father, a boot repairer, said he was not aware of the acquaintance of prisoner and his daughter till a week or so before she went away. He then wrote to prisoner. "This was the whole of the evidence, and in disposing of the case Mr. Gillespie said he would certainly not send the case for trial. Prisoner was charged with abducting the girl, but the evidence was that she really tried to persuade her to return home. He would not refer to the fact that they had lived together, but it was clearly in evidence that she had told him she was 18 years of age.—Mr. Daybell: It is no myth about the banns, sir. Det. Payne has verified that.—Mr. Gillespie: Just so, and I can understand, too, the objection of the step-father to the marriage on ac-

NAVAL GREYHOUND.

INDOMITABLE'S RECORD VOYAGE.

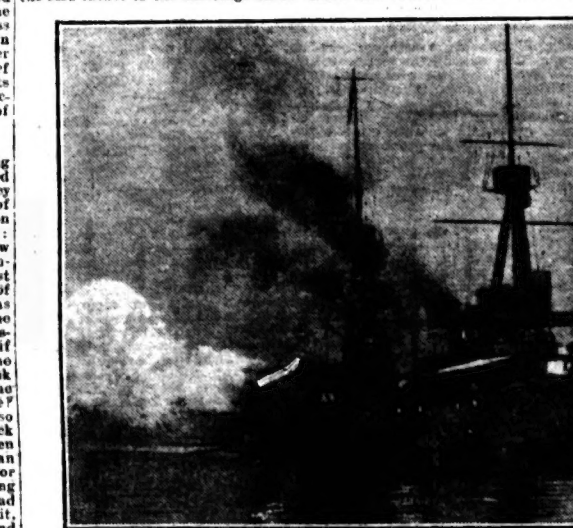
A WONDERFUL WARSHIP.

H.M.S. Indomitable has achieved fame by a wonderful performance in ocean steaming. She arrived in Cowes on Monday night at 9.40, and anchored a short distance from the Royal yacht while the King and Queen were at dinner, having accomplished the fastest long distance voyage ever made by a warship. There was never any doubt in the mind of the expert that she was the most powerful and the swiftest warship about. If there had been any, the performance, which now stands



our illustration shows the Prince of Wales as stoker, he having taken a turn at that work during the run from Quebec. The shovel used by the Prince is to be buried and placed amongst the ship's treasures.

to her credit, would dispel it completely. The average rate of speed attained by her in her run across the Atlantic, was 23.13 knots; but that was a rough calculation, and it really made out to be called a "land to land" basis, that is, the timing began at the last point of land on the Canadian side, and ended when the Fastnet came into view. The official timing, however, will be based on the journey from Belle Isle to England. The calculation for this course—to be exact, from the south point of Belle Isle to Land's End—works out



THE INDOMITABLE ARRIVING AT COWES; SALUTING THE KING'S YACHT. (Photo, Illustrations Bureau.)

a little less favourably, namely, an average of 24.8 knots per hour, owing to the reduced speed necessitated by the fog in the vicinity of Belle Isle and iceberg which were encountered shortly after passing Cape Norman. Speed was also reduced on nearing Land's End. The log of the voyage will make interesting reading, but the full details will not be known until they have been submitted to the Admiralty.

DOUBLE FATALITY.

A mysterious double drowning fatality occurred yesterday at Wheaton, a village near Chorley, the victims being two young men named Singleton, aged 18, and Jackson, aged 21, some of well-known farmers in the neighbourhood. Their bodies were found in the canal at Wheaton, and it is conjectured that the younger man, while bathing, got out of his depth, and that Jackson going to his assistance, both perished.

A CRICKETER'S DEATH.

Mr. T. Bowring, who has appeared in the Oxford University team against Cambridge for the last two years, has died from blood poisoning at Dutton Hall, Surbiton. Mr. Bowring, in June last, playing for "Varsity" against the Gentlemen of England at Oxford, scored 228, and with Mr. T. Bates, added 238 for the first wicket, this being the highest first wicket performance in connection with "Varsity" cricket.

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THE CURATE'S REBUKE.

ROWDY BRIDAL PARTIES IN CHURCH.

Considerable comment has been excited in the district of Stalybridge, near Manchester, by criticisms on the conduct of wedding parties made by a local curate, the Rev. J. Muirhead, in the monthly journal of St. Paul's Church. The reverend gentleman writes: Many bridal parties seem to know that a marriage service in church is a religious service, and they do not kneel during the prayers, but sit bolt upright and engage in conversation, often in loud tones. Twice recently, when the bride and bridegroom were kneeling at the altar, we had to stop in the prayers and request the bridal party to behave as themselves. On another occasion, as soon as the bride and bridegroom appeared in church, after having signed the register, we heard a cheer in church. When we went to see what it meant, we saw a man standing on a pew waving his hat, evidently calling for cheers, while another man we saw with his hat on in the church. Such conduct is bad.

THROWING HASSOCKS ABOUT.

But we repeat, lest any think we are suggesting that there is more irreverence here than elsewhere, that it is as bad in some other places. A year or two ago we saw in a church in another county a bridal party throwing hassocks at one another. It means, we suppose, one of two things, either (1) that many baptised Christians are half pagan, or (2) come to church on such occasions in a state of intoxication—and even then they are half pagan.

The church journal containing this indictment was only published on Wednesday, but in a very short while an uncommonly large distribution of the number was recorded. The fact that Mr. Muirhead spoke of the alleged bridal paganism, not from hearsay, but as a witness so far as his parish was concerned, added to the curiosity evinced over the subject.

OPERATION AT SEA.

ATLANTIC LINER HELD UP FOR THREE HOURS.

The liner Cedric, which arrived at New York on Friday, was delayed for three hours in mid-ocean for what must be an almost unprecedented reason. A lady passenger, Mrs. Trebell, of New York, was suddenly seized with appendicitis, of so acute a form that an operation was a mat-



THE INDOMITABLE ARRIVING AT COWES; SALUTING THE KING'S YACHT. (Photo, Illustrations Bureau.)

ter of immediate urgency, if her life was to be saved. The captain, on being informed of the necessity of operating on the lady, had the great vessel brought to for three hours, in order that the vibration of the engines might not interfere with the delicate work of the surgeon. It is believed that the operation has been perfectly successful, and the passenger is making excellent progress towards recovery.

NO SUNDAY WEDDINGS.

The Rector of Brierley Hill (Staffordshire) has decided in future not to allow weddings to take place on Sundays, as Sunday weddings often caused disorderly crowds to assemble who throw confetti everywhere. "The church people," he says, "ought not to encourage the celebration of the Lord's Day by wedding festivities." He contends that Saturday afternoon is a suitable time for working men to be married, as they would not have to lose work.

Mrs. Widdow's Severe Stroke. Mrs. Widdow, 50 years of age, of 50 years of age, was seized with a severe stroke on Sunday last, while sitting at her table. She was taken to the hospital, where she died on Monday last.

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as the result of which Tease was arrested and charged. Tracing the motive for the crime, Mr. Murphy referred to the intimacy of the relations subsisting between Tease and Mrs. Buchanan for a long series of years. In May last David Buchanan, a respectable farmer, instituted an action for damages against Tease, and at the recent Donagall Assizes recovered £1,000 damages. The Crown alleges that Tease had a great object to gain to prevent this trial taking place. It would be shown that he bought poison and explained its use to the unhappy woman, whose confession was corroborated on all material points.—David Buchanan, a feeble old man, obviously ill, gave evidence of being poisoned. Adeline Buchanan, his daughter, deposed to seeing Tease and her mother together on a particular date in February.—A thrill went through the court when Mr. Murphy next called Mrs. Buchanan, a woman little past middle age. She wore the clothes in which she stood her trial at Lifford.—In reply to Mr. Murphy, she admitted that she was naïve, but she had no recollection of her husband. After her removal to gaol she asked to see the governor, and she made a statement to him of her own free will.

In Cream or Sugar.

—Mr. Murphy: Do you know the prisoner Tease? Yes.—When you gave this poison to your husband did you do so at the suggestion of any? No, unless Tease.—Where did you get the poison from? Tease.—When was that? I do not remember the date; it was the Sunday or Monday before June 16.—Did he tell you how you should give the poison? Yes. He first told me to give it to him in broth.—Did he ever suggest you should put it in cream or sugar? He did.—Did he say anything whether your husband would survive that? He said he would not.—Do you say that Tease gave you poison on more than one occasion? He did.—Would you tell us the last occasion on which he gave it to you? On the Sunday or Monday I have referred to.—On that last occasion did he say anything to you? He told me he would prefer me to put it in cream or sugar, but my husband was in the habit of making his own breakfast.—Did he say anything about your being suspected? He said I would not be suspected at all. He said even if I were suspected I might be taken into Lettickeny, but there would be nothing of it, as I would get out on bail.

Enough to Poison Three Men.

—Did he say this should have been done to Buchanan before this? He said he said I should have done this long ago.—On the last meeting you had with Tease how long were you with him? Only a few minutes.—When he gave you the bottle did he say how much was in it? He told me on one occasion there was as much in the bottle he gave me as would poison three men.—Witness identified the bottle produced as resembling the one in question.—Mr. Murphy: Did Tease give you any directions as to what you were to do with the bottle after administering the poison to your husband? Yes, he told me to put it into my husband's pocket.—Did he say at what time you were to do that? Yes; when my husband was dead.—Did he mention the police? He told me to deny this.—Did he talk of suicide? Yes, he said when they would find the bottle in my husband's pocket they would come to the conclusion that he had committed suicide.

On Three Occasions.

—He gave you poison on three occasions? What did you do with what you got the first two occasions? I gave it back to him. That would be about three weeks before I got it the last time. On each occasion he offered me the poison on the road, and on my own place.—Can you say whether Tease ever suggested that you should poison your husband before the action was instituted? No, never.—Proceeding, witness said there was no label on the bottle, and it was not a third full. Tease told her he had had the poison in his possession two years, as he had had it too long. On the first occasion when she returned the poison to Tease he did not distinctly say he would make her sorry, but he was annoyed and meant that. He threatened her.—Mr. Murphy: Did Tease tell you anything about sending for a doctor when your husband was ill? Yes, he said I should send at once for the doctor when my husband was taken ill.—Having described throwing the remainder of the poison, which was in a powder form, into a crevice in the wall of an outhouse and smashing the bottle in the fireplace, witness concluded her sensational story.—The charge was read over to prisoner, who declared that he had never given any poison to Mrs. Buchanan. The magistrates returned him for trial at the Belfast Assizes.—Mr. McFadden applied to have bail fixed, but the application was refused.

A party of 1,500 ladies and gentlemen connected with the International Art Congress visited Windsor, and proceeded to Windsor Castle, to view which special facilities had been granted by the King.

A WIFE'S SECRET.

WALTER TOWNSEND, 23, HAMMERMAN, OF KILLEY RD., BATTERSEA, WAS CHARGED ON REMAND AT NORTH LONDON WITH ASSAULTING PDK. COOPER, THE LICENSEE OF THE VICTORY PUBLIC HOUSE, TOTTENHAM-ROD, KINGSLAND.—PROSECUTOR SAID THAT ON JULY 22 HE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM PURPORTING TO COME FROM A RELATIVE TO SAY THAT A BROTHER HAD MET WITH A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT, AND HIS PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED AT THE HOSPITAL. HE AT ONCE WENT TO AN ADDRESS AT CANNON TOWER, BUT FOUND NO BROTHER WAS THERE, AND THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE TELEGRAM. HASTENING TO HIS HOME, THE PROSECUTOR FOUND TOWNSEND IN THE KITCHEN. HE ORDERED HIM OUT, BUT THE ACCUSED STRUCK HIM. PROSECUTOR RAISED A STICK HE WAS CARRYING TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

Suggestion of Blackmail. Prisoner snatched this away, and broke it over prosecutor's head. On a previous occasion it was suggested that prisoner had sent the bogus telegram in order to get prosecutor out of the way, so that he might obtain money from Mrs. Cooper. The suggestion was indignantly denied, but when asked why he had, as he admitted, sent the telegram, Townsend said that he was in a difficult position, and would ask the lady.—Mr. Cooper, who now appeared for the prosecution, called Mrs. Cooper. She said that after her husband had gone out in response to the telegram, Townsend and prisoner hid themselves in the kitchen, and asked him if he had sent the telegram. He said he had.

Prisoner's Chivalry.

—Prisoner: Will you tell the magistrate what you said then? No.—Mr. Fordham: You may put it to Mrs. Cooper. Prisoner: No, I shall not.—Mrs. Cooper went on to say that she begged accused to go before her husband came back, but he would not. He had never blackmailed her in any way nor had he asked for money.—The magistrate questioned the witness, and elicited from her that prisoner some years ago, when they lived on the other side of London, had executed betting commissions for her unknown to her husband.—Mr. Fordham said that prisoner had been guilty of most treacherous conduct in sending the bogus telegram. He fined him £3, with 22 costs, or one month's imprisonment.

VANISHED WAR MEDALS.

WEST-END DRESSMAKER CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Yesterday, at the Wimbledon Police Court, Ethel Cavanna, 20, a fashionably-attired dressmaker, of Wilton-cres., Knightsbridge, was charged with stealing two war medals, valued at £12, the property of Rtd. L. Sergeantson, of Tabor-grove, Wimbledon.—It was alleged in evidence that during prosecutor's absence prisoner called to see a friend, and was shown into the parlour. On Bank Holiday Sergeantson was going to show the medals to a friend, when he found they were gone. Prisoner admitted having sold them.—Det. Woods informed the justices that she had attempted to commit suicide.—Accused was remanded.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A NEW POINT IN THE LAW OF MANSLAUGHTER.

At Fenge Wm. John Hayward, 26, of Vinelands-terrace, Fenge, a labourer, was brought up on remand on a charge of murdering his wife by striking or kicking her.—Mr. Nelson Cohen (instructed by the Treasury) now appeared to prosecute, and said he proposed to withdraw the charge of murder and substitute that of manslaughter. He would have to submit for their consideration an entirely new point in law of homicide, and he desired to get their ruling. The coroner's jury had returned a verdict that death arose from natural causes induced by excitement. Only two women swore they saw Hayward kick her and heard him threaten to kill her while she was on the ground.—Dr. Dawkes, divisional surgeon, deposed that death was due to inhibition of heart caused by pursuit. Only one bruise was found on the woman, and this might have been caused just before death.—Prisoner, who had nothing to say, was committed for trial.

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Among the many attractive excursions advertised by the G.W.R. to run during the next week or so, four trips are conspicuous for their novelty and cheapness. One is to three cathedral cities—Worcester, Hereford, and Gloucester—giving passengers an opportunity of visiting Malvern and its famous hills; another to the Vale of Evesham, known as the Garden of England; and the other two to the Valley of the Wye and its four places in Somerset.

OUR OMNIBUS.

COMMENTS BY NOTABLE PASSENGERS.

THE CONDUCTOR.



The week has witnessed two interesting university series—the nineteenth birthday of the venerable Earl of Wemyss and the jubilee of the connection of the United States by electric telegraph. Lord Wemyss's active life has embraced the changes that have occurred during his long life.

He began, he tells us, with tallow candles, and is ending with electric light. He recollects when it took eight hours to travel from Scotland to Oxford by stage coach. Now, as he gets into a train at King's Cross at 2.30 and is at home in Scotland before eleven.

Lord Wemyss had reached middle age before congratulatory messages were exchanged, on Aug. 5, 1858, between Queen Victoria and President Buchanan. He must remember how keen was the delight at the successful transmission of the despatches, despite the fact that they were many hours on the way. He must recall the bitter disappointment that ensued when, after three months' activity, the cable refused to work. Still cool-headed men of science recognised that the failure was due to a defect in the gutta-serena envelope which could be remedied. At least the scaffolds had been brought to shame who declared that it was impossible to submerge deep-sea cables with safety, and that, in any case, signals could not be transmitted across so great a space as the Atlantic Ocean.

The story of how some of the promoters of the enterprise lost heart, while others—notably Professor Thomson, who died not long ago, full of years and honours, as Lord Kelvin did not, has often been told. In 1858, a fresh beginning was made with the Great Eastern as the cable ship. The line was laid in deep water, but in the following year a new cable was successfully laid, and the old line recovered. It all sounds commonplace enough nowadays when we have become accustomed to Mr. Marconi and his wireless. Still, our gratitude is due to the dauntless souls who faced contempt and financial disaster during the period of experiment, in which nine persons out of ten regarded them at the best as harmless cranks.

President Buchanan hailed the Atlantic cables as "a triumph more glorious, because far more useful to mankind, than was ever won by a conqueror on the field of battle." Optimists even imagined that the day had dawned when international disputes would cease to be decided by navies and armies. But they were mistaken. If the statesmanship of two countries can remove misunderstandings by constant communications over the cable, public opinion is also conveyed by the same means, and that, more often, is due to far from making peace. The chief anxiety lies in the bulk of commercial interests it incessantly creates during quiet times, rather than in its activity in seasons of diplomatic crisis.

THE ACTOR.



Schools of Acting and Acting in Schools, two questions freely discussed of late through the Press by playgoers, are subjects which I have a word to say in the way of remonstrance and warning. As regards the first question—noting the many academic and stage aspirants started late, I fully endorse the opinion given to a Press colleague by old Haymarket comedian, a member through long years of the stock company under Buckstone. This practical judge "did not think acting was a craft that could be taught, but in schools it might be brought under wholesome discipline by instruction in the other arts which could be considered."

The result of my own observation is that the schools in seeking for quality rather than superabundant quantity, counting surplusage to a calling already overcrowded, only a small proportion of whom are able to act, the majority being, in the vernacular of our own profession, "sticks."

Now for the remedy through the schools. If the accredited teachers, consideration of a preliminary exam would, after testing assistants, sternly refuse further fees to teach the incompetents, whose name is legion, and grant certificates of ability only to the few found to possess histrionic gifts, and if, moreover, theatre managers would, for their part, absolutely refuse engagements to all applicants save those bearing the accredited school diploma, by the "survival of the fittest,"

the value of the scholastic training would be proven by research no less than by instruction.

So much for Schools of Acting. Now I come to the second question—the same in sound but quite opposite in this I enter my protest, as I think my readers will do, against the advice of the headmaster of Bedale School, just given in his address to the Conference of the Parents' National Educational Union, that "children should be taught to act." In my opinion a more certain means to unfit the rising generation from acquiring the mental training needed by them to make their way in the world, could not be devised. That the little ones love to dress up and make-believe is natural enough, but such delights are for their play, as relief from their work. For them to take part in the pageants now making a holiday festival all over the country is a rather exercise of informative recreation conveying patriotic lessons by means of living pictures illustrating the chief historic events of their country and birthplace. But to be taught to pose, orate, and simulate passion by aping the actor is to deprive the instinct of the child into the artifice of the puppet.

The same argument is held by intelligent authoresses, Lady Dorothy Nevill, in an interview with a journalist, at which, speaking strongly against all children acting, she explained: "I am referring particularly to the thousands in the lower classes of life who must go into business eventually and work for their living." What, then, can be the effect of teaching such children acting and dancing? A girl imbued with the idea of becoming an actress would never dream of going into service.

No calling is so fascinating as acting, and all the more so for the reason that the actor differs from all other artists, in that he can never see his own work. And it is no less certain that no profession is so disillusioning to all engaged in it, save the very few whose abilities can command them an assured position.

PIPER PAN.



It would seem that there is no fear of the Crystal Palace being closed or demolished for a considerable time, if at all. For I notice that another, that is, a great triennial festival, has been held regularly for 40 or 50 years.

It is announced to take place in June next. It is, by the way, to be designated the Handel-Mendelssohn Festival, in order to celebrate the centenary of the latter composer's birth, which falls next year, the directors have decided to include several of his works in the programme.

I was very pleased to find another of these famous musical festivals arranged at the Crystal Palace, and I hope matters will be so adjusted that many more of them will be given. I know of no other place in London, or near, that is equally adapted to the requirements of a meeting of the kind. Performances in which some 4,000 singers and instrumentalists are engaged, and many more thousands of people come from all parts of the country to attend, need plenty of space. This abundance, of course, at Sydenham, and there are the beautiful grounds as well to form an additional attractive feature.

It is often my pleasant task to comment in this column upon the increasing favour shown to British artists, and especially in regard to the number of them engaged, and successfully, at Covent Garden. I remember some time ago saying that a good sign it was that they were about to appear in their own names, and not have them Italianised in the fashion that used to prevail, when Mr. Smith became Signor Smithini, or Miss Jones Mlle. Jeneati, etc.

I was therefore surprised, and frankly, chagrined to hear that several of the singers who appeared during the Grand Opera season just ended under foreign names are really English! What makes it worse, and to my mind, more inexplicable, is that in at least one case the singer had won a high reputation that could stand on its own merits, and needed no foreignising.

By the by, it is nice to learn that Dr. Naylor's prize English opera "The Angelus," is absolutely certain of production at Covent Garden in January. It will be brought forward by the Opera Syndicate, and not by Messrs. Ricordi, the organisers of the competition. According to all accounts Dr. Naylor's work is to have all possible attention and time given to the time of adequate performance.

I think too, there is no doubt that should it secure the success which is so eagerly anticipated, the management will do all in their power to "boom" it.

WILL WORKMAN.



What funny folk the Radical party contains! To read their comments on the Haggerston by-election, one would hardly discover their great reverence for the will of the people, and the sacred rights of democracy, nor yet their trust in the average elector's common sense. The "Dailly News" writing after Haggerston had said good-bye to Free Importation, said: "In a constituency like Haggerston many things are easily swallowed," sublimely forgetting that for 25 years or more they had most persistently swallowed the late Sir R. Cremer as their Parliamentary candidate, only waking up to the ludicrous nature of such a performance when asked to replace him by a Radical or Socialist Burrows as a remedy for unemployment.

Again: "Every public house is a Tory committee-room, and every brewer, publican, and hard drinker becomes a Conservative orator clamouring at every street corner, and therefore it is remarkable that the beer majority (over both Free Trade candidates) stands as low as 157." This, mind you, is not misrepresentation, and contains no insult to the intelligence of the free and enlightened electors of Haggerston. (Oh No!) When Mr. Burrows was defeated was because: "He had hardly time to make his personality felt." Many of us who heard him and saw how utterly he failed to interest his hearers, or to hold them against an opposing speaker, wondered where he had left his "personality" as a Parliamentary candidate.

Mr. Warren is reported to have said, after his defeat, "Tariff Reform did not go down to any appreciable extent." Of course not, Tariff Reform "went up" from the forlorn hope of a defeated candidate 30 months ago to the triumphant success of the Hon. R. Guinness a week ago.

Even "The Morning Leader" was compelled to admit that, vide the following extract, "For Protection, 2,867; for Free Trade, 2,710. Protectionist majority, 157." My readers will notice that every Radical and Socialist is counted as a Free Trader, which, in view of the admittedly Protectionist nature of Socialism, is to say the least, somewhat peculiar. But the figures another way—and a more correct way—and we see how emphatic was Haggerston's rejection of Radicalism. For the Government, 1,724; Against the Government, 3,853. Government majority, 2,129. And in the face of this Mr. Warren said, "My defeat is mainly due to the split vote." What a queer "personality" he must possess.

Prof. Brentano has come all the way from Germany to the United Kingdom to tell us that Protection has made living so dear in Germany that they have had to raise the salaries of all their civil servants to meet this rise in the cost of living. Which reminds me of a story I read in the paper just over. A man inquired at Liverpool provision store the price of bacon. "Ninopence per lb.," promptly replied the shopman. "Begorra," said Pat, "I could buy it in Ireland for 6d.," and when the shopman inquired why he didn't stay in Ireland and save the 3d. the reply was illuminating. "It is just that fact which Prof. Brentano overlooked."

Yet another of these Golden Club foreigners—Mr. Pearce, from U.S.A.—declared: "If it were not for Protection we should be the greatest producing nation in the world." Well, it is not just over a year since Mr. Pearce, Free Trade on, I am sure our cotton, woolen, linen, glass, earthenware, and other manufacturers will only be too ready to help them by filling their markets with duty free goods, from textile and glass wares to tinplate and cutlery. But will they?

Sir Thos. Whitaker is evidently very ill at ease over the ruthless exposure and crushing answer which Messrs. Smith and Williams gave to his "facts and arguments" in support of the Licensing Bill, and now promises to deal shortly with the paltry carrying of those gentlemen indicted in the case who have had the works of Sir Thos. and his heretics, the cause of his perturbation is quite easy to understand, and I am sure they will relish a second round in the testual debate.

Apocryphal of my remarks about White Australia, it is interesting to learn that a new scheme is on foot for settling Army and Navy pensioners and others in Australia, and although contrary to the sickly sentimentality of the Peace-at-any-price Congress of last week—"Nationalism is at the root of the desire to obtain emigration"—it is a British Nationalist. Among other inducements is a new land scheme, under which every settler will be given £200 worth of land, accompanied with £1 a week wages, diminishing to nothing at the end of two years, and advances up to £150 for purchase of stock, etc.

Twelve years ago Canada gave us a preference on our manufactured goods, and for years now the only return we have made them is to put an embargo on all Canadian live cattle; the reason given for such an embargo is to suppress cattle plague. The truth is, it is to protect the Irish cattle industry, the result of which we are now at the mercy of the American Beef Trust. This is an other Free Trade inconsistency. They accept preference but give nothing in return, and then, to protect Ireland, they prohibit importation of Canadian cattle. Strange, is it not?

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of a correspondent, I have been placed in possession of a personal application

for work circular, got out by a gentleman from Trieste, aged 26, who has left the Continent "by his own impulse" to perfect himself abroad, after spending 11 years as general clerk and book-keeper "by double entry." His accomplishments are numerous—German, Italian, and Slavic languages being among them. Salary he leaves "entirely to your consideration." Attached to the circular are five foreign merchants' testimonials, and the whole is personally signed by the applicant "A.S."

The titbit of the whole story is a slip placed inside the circular to the following effect: "I should also be prepared to start as Volunteer if necessary, or, if you prefer, to learn the opinion of the general secretary of the General Clerks' Union upon this 'hard-faceted attempt to undercut British labour,' as my correspondent rightly styles it."

That Tariff Reform is winning has dawned upon that case-hardened Cobdenite—Lord Welby. "The prospects of Free Trade all over the world are clouded, and Protection is advancing in very aggressive fashion." (Can this be the effect of Haggerston?)

Mr. Winston Churchill has got another new conviction. "It is possible for a nation to follow a free trade policy and yet remain prosperous and powerful." The value of this latest conviction is sadly discounted by the fact that since 1900 over 1,000,000 are unemployed, that Germany is building more ships than us, and Mr. Haldane can't get his "Territorials."

BUCKLAND JUNIOR.



From Market Harborough we have received several cabbage roots each containing a small maggot. During the past three years, the cabbage has had its life almost completely spoiled by these pests, and in consequence seeking a way to get rid of them, and to find out what they are. Three maggots are the larvae of the cabbage-fly. Although there are at least three species which attack cabbage, they are so much alike in appearance and habits that it is difficult to distinguish them, and a general history will suffice.

The fly, which is about half an inch in length, of a greyish color, the male having a short black stripe running along the back between the wings, with a curved one on either side of it, and a black stripe along the abdomen. The maggots, or larvae, injure the cabbages by eating their way through the stems and roots, leaving the cabbages to rot, and the roots to decay, and whole crops are often lost. Turnips and radishes are not less in exactly the same way. The larvae are whitish, and when full grown measure about a third of an inch in length. They are cylindrical and tapering, with a head towards the root, and having a small tail, which is furnished with short teeth on the lower margin. When full-grown they leave the plants, making their way into the earth, where they change into pupae. When in this stage they are of a reddish-brown colour with a few black spots at the head. In the pupal stage they are a bright yellow, passed before the flies emerge. The late ones, that is to say those that are in the pupal stage about October and November, remain so in the ground until the following spring, when they are hatched.

One of the chief causes for these maggots is supposed to be the manuring of the ground—the maggots being laid with the dung. It is impossible to avoid manuring the ground, therefore it is advisable when so doing to add a dressing of a very little gaslime, making the ground unhabitable for the flies. It is not at all advisable also to change the crops yearly, following cabbage by potatoes or beans, which do not suffer from the cabbage-fly.

Another insect which does much damage to cabbage crops, and with which most of us are, no doubt familiar, is the cabbage-moth. These moths are of a rich, brown colour, the upper wings being variously marked with black stripes and circles, the hind wings are also brown with whitish bars. The female lays her eggs on the leaves, and in a very short time—only a few days—the larvae are hatched and commence feeding upon the leaves; gnawing large holes right down into the heart. Besides attacking cabbages—they are in no way particular—they feed upon practically any of our common plants, such as cauliflowers and dahlias. In the caterpillar stage the body is green, when first hatched the body is green, but this changes a lot whilst they are feeding and growing. When full-grown they may measure almost an inch and a half in length, and having attained this stage, they make their way usually into the earth and change into a chestnut-coloured chrysalis. The winter is generally passed in this state, the moths emerging about the following May.

A correspondent of Eastbourne has asked me to give a few notes on the prawn. These crustaceans abound, he informs me, round the Sussex coasts during the summer months, or rather between April and September. Everyone, of course, knows the prawn by sight, although few know anything further about them, I expect. My correspondent asks first, "Why are some 'broods' red and others brown?" These are two distinct species, the latter being rather more common than the former. In the brown species the male is but slightly larger than the female, and in the red is rather more so. Besides this (except in the breeding season) there is no apparent difference by which the sexes may be distinguished. The breeding season has never really been ascertained, I believe, for although it is thought that the late autumn is the time when the male hatches and the female is found with ovaries filled with spawn and with the abdominal fins lost

loaded at practically any season of the year. The number of eggs varies according to the size of the prawn, and it is recorded that one measuring two and a half inches in length carried about fifteen hundred, whereas another measuring about three and a half inches carried practically twice that number. When first hatched the young do not possess the false leg, but whilst undergoing several moultings during their early life these grow while several small changes occur in the head and tail. During the months of October to March prawns are not obtainable at Eastbourne, and my correspondent naturally asks, "Do they migrate?" The so-called migration is due to the nature of the coast, for it is found that where the coast is rocky and rough seas are expected, the prawns make their way to deeper water, but where a low coast is found a also will the prawns be during the whole of the year.

On June 21 last I gave a note on a mole-cricket sent from Guernsey, stating that the insect was known there as the "Tourterelle Dove." As stated, then, the name does not seem an appropriate one, and through the kindness of another correspondent of that Island I find that a dove is there named a tourterelle and that the cricket is called by those speaking Guernsey French cricket. I am afraid, therefore, that my previous correspondent must have been misinformed.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens for the week ending Aug. 2 include: Mammals—1 green guinea, 1 meerkat, 2 v. v. guinea, 1 red-footed ground-squirrel, 6 Egyptian jerboas, 1 Chinese palm civet, 1 common seal, and 1 Gambian hare. Birds—1 greater black-backed gull, 1 lesser black-backed gull, 1 black-shouldered tanager, 2 black cuckoos, 3 short-eared owls, 1 rose-ringed parakeet, 1 half-collared dove, 1 Gambian turtle-dove, 3 bronze-spotted doves, 2 Cape turtle-doves, 1 greater spotted woodpecker, and a large collection of insects. Reptiles—1 eyed lizard, 1 green lizard, 2 sand lizards, 1 greenish sand-lizard, 2 common snakes, 35 common newts, 1 alligator, 1 Indian python, and many tortoises and terrapins.

Two carrier pigeons have been picked up by readers during the past week. One, bearing a ring on each leg, was picked up on Sunday last by Mr. Lambert Day, of the Elephant and Castle, Hampton, Oxon, from whom all particulars may be obtained. The second was picked up by Mr. W. C. Morris, of North-st., Langport, Somerset, this one bearing a rubber ring marked 135 and a metal ring WE 135, 1908. By sending description owner may obtain.

OLD IZAAK.



A Anglers have a very scarce and very enjoyed the sport hoped for, the river being all too low and bright for fishing, and more rain would be very welcome. A few nice fish have been taken, but the weather has been taken, and the Thames has fished fairly well throughout, and the brain and brawn of the river have been taken in the Canbury Promenade at Kingston. Porch have been had at Shepperton, and chub, scaling up to 3lb. each, have been caught by Mr. Welch, piloted by E. Collier, at Staines. Four fine bream, scaling from 3lb. to 4lb. each, and other fish, were landed by Mr. A. W. May and friend, at Great Marlow, where a barbel, 1lb., among others, fell to the rod of Mr. Graham, piloted by Coster. Good sport is being had among the roach and chub at Abingdon, six chub being taken by a patron of George Brewerton's, weighing 19lb. in all, the heaviest scaling 4lb. 5oz. Barbel are also coming in at that locality.

Walton's Lee, the Darent, the Huntingdon Ouse, Arun, Medway, and other rivers have all fished as well as could be expected, considering the intense heat and cloudless skies, but rain is badly wanted to freshen them up. Some good roach have been had in the Rye House and St. Margaret's district of the Lee, and a bream of 6lb. was lately taken by a member of the Swan and Pike Angling Society, from Cheshunt. The Arun has been well patronised, and the club records will doubtless show skillful catches at most stations.

Sea anglers have been busy at most of the holiday resorts, although the catches have not been large. Bass, pollack, mackerel, and dog fish, in addition to the ordinary flat fish, are among those reported taken, and anglers have had fair all round sport at Ramsgate, Margate, Folkestone, and other south coast towns. Fishing has also been good at Scarborough among the mackerel and silver whiting, which are also reported from Falmouth, Plymouth, and other stations.

The members of the City of London Puntatorial Society have been enjoying capital sport, of which particular mention will be made at their meeting on Tuesday next, when they will hear the results of a fortnight's fishing to recount. The ladies' fishing, picnic, and competition, postponed last month on account of the weather, will take place at Wraybury on Saturday, Aug. 29, when conditions will, it is hoped, be favourable, subject to which a large gathering is assured.

More than one correspondent asks how to make paste and colour gentles. Walton declared that there were almost as many sorts of paste as there were medicines for the toothache, and quite a variety of paste are mentioned by old writers. Of these one says: "Paste are variously compounded according to the anglers' own fancy;

but there should always be a little cotton wool, shaved lint, or fine flax to keep the parts of it together that it may not fall off the hook. White bread and honey will make a proper paste for carp and tench. Fine white bread alone, with a little water, will serve for roach and dace, and mutton suet and soft new cheese for a barbel. Strong cheese with a little butter will make a good winter paste for a chub. Pastes such as these are all useful at times, and unless of bread crust also. The great secret in making paste is to know the ingredients well, and mix them in a linen cloth, or best of all, in a paper bag. Paste coloured with a little vermilion, saffron, or the like, are frequently used, and are gentles may be similarly coloured. Nothing, as a rule, is better than pure white paste, although there are times and conditions under which others may be usefully tried.

Bream are now at about their best, and in the Huntingdon Ouse and on some of the Norfolk broads and rivers, if the angler meets with a school of them, a big catch is almost sure to be had. I have myself had, but, or over on more than one occasion, and larger takes are not infrequently had. They may be taken by casting or float fishing (there are various ways), baiting with a goodly bit of white paste or a bright red worm or a small lob on a No. 9 hook. I decidedly prefer the worm, but gentles, boiled wheat, wasp grubs, and the like are sometimes taken. The bream first rises with the bait, casting the float to lay on the water, the angler waiting until it goes under before he strikes. The place should be well ground baited at intervals of a day or two some time before fishing, using brewers' grains, bread and bran, or worms, according to the bait employed. Early morning and dawn are the times when the bream usually feeds in hot weather, and on some rivers they are fished for all night—a proceeding scarcely to be commended in any case.

It is gratifying to find the True Waltonians and the Walton and Cotton, two of the best and oldest of London angling societies, still flourishing. The Walton and Cotton has just celebrated its time-honoured summer outing, and the 50th anniversary of the True Waltonians is not far distant. The fame of the latter is world-wide, for they have a splendid record of their own, and many a north and a candidate has come south to wait for admission to their ranks. Just now there is a vacancy or two in their very limited membership—a circumstance so exceptional that it deserves to be specially noted.

LATE GEN. BULLER.

His will of 1898 Redvers Buller has been proved in the Exchequer Registry. The gross value of the estate is over £24,000; the net value of the personal estate being £22,000. The piece of plate presented to Sir Redvers by the county of Dorset, the lamps given him by the Frontier Light Horse, and the clock and vase, the gift of members of the Buffs, and the two shields presented to him by the ladies of Cape Colony are to pass as heirlooms. He bequeathed all his real and leasehold estate and the residue of his personal estate to Lady Audrey Buller and Mr. Arthur Trevelyan (who are appointed as his trustees) upon trust to pay after his death to his wife, £10,000, and to pay his daughter, Audrey (Charlotte Georgina), the sum of £10,000, but which is not to be payable or carry interest so long as any charges in favour of his two sisters, or either of them, are existent against the Downes Estate. Should his daughter, on the death of his two sisters, derive benefit from these charges, it is provided that the legacy of £10,000 shall be abated either wholly or in part. Sir Redvers makes these dispositions in the belief that his daughter will receive £25,000 under the trusts of his marriage settlement and the conditions of her mother's will. In the event of anything occurring to change this, he directs that £20,000 shall be paid to his daughter out of his personal estate on settlement, and that Sir Redvers expresses the hope that his successor at Downes "will continue to those in receipt of them, and grant to any hereafter worthy of them, the allowances he had made to old servants and workmen of the estate."

THE DRUCE CASE.

DUKE OF PORTLAND SAYS IT WAS "MISERABLE." To many people present the most interesting thing in connection with the will of the Duke of Portland is the reference by the Duke of Portland to the Druce case. It was made in reply to an allusion by Mr. G. Walker, a tenant, in proposing their Grace's health. "A miserable and fraudulent claim," the duke called it, "to the estate of Lord Howard de Walden and his son, and a member of the family, that any slight temporary annoyance it may have caused my family and myself has long since passed away." The memory of the kindness shown him by his neighbours would remain in his heart long after the so-called Druce case had been consigned to the limbo of the past. This ridiculous and extraordinary case, proceeded his Grace, "would never have reached the point it did, nor would the money have been forthcoming for its prosecution, if it had not been fostered by sectioned members of the public, too ready to swallow inexactitudes."

THE KAISER'S LOSS.

Dr. von Lucanus, civil private secretary to the Kaiser since 1890, has just died. Among the group of reactionary bureaucrats actually ruling Prussia, Dr. von Lucanus was a most remarkable figure. Without—from the constitutional point of view—having any official status in the Government, he was stronger than all the Ministers together. He was the Kaiser's right hand, and had numberless means and occasions to influence his Majesty. The secretary's special duty was to tell Ministers to disappear from the political arena when the Kaiser no longer wanted them. Berlin especially felt his power. It was he who waged all the petty quarrels over the various monuments, elections of burgomasters, and even Prince von Buelow suffered complete defeat against him in such affairs.

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STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

Mansion House.

YOUTH'S AMAZING ADVENTURES.

"I did not care for the conditions in which I was working, and took the money and went off to start in business for myself," was the novel excuse put forward by Edmund Ernest Ward, 18, who was convicted on his own confession of having stolen £106 10s. 10d. of his employers, Messrs. J. W. Benson, watch-makers and jewellers, Ludgate-hill. Ward had been in the service of the firm for four years, latterly as cashier at a salary of £1 a week. On July 1 he absconded with the money and was not seen again till his arrest at Liverpool on Friday with only 11s. in his pocket out of the whole sum. In the train on the way to London Ward told a detective the following strange story:—"I am very sorry," he said, "for what I have done. After I absconded I bought a bicycle in Edgware, rode to Cardiff and there entered a public house and tendered half a sovereign in payment for a bottle of gingerbeer. Three men were in the bar. I treated them several times and they treated me. The next thing I remember was finding myself under a hedge on the outskirts of Cardiff. Searching my pockets I found I had been robbed of £130. I left Cardiff the same day and went to Portsmouth, then to Norwich, Yarmouth, Skegness and back to Nottingham, where I sold the bicycle to a man in the street for £2. I took train from Nottingham to Liverpool, where I arrived last Saturday. One morning, as I was sitting on the quay,

reading, a strange man spoke and asked, 'Do you think of going abroad?' I replied, 'Yes, I think of going to Canada.' The stranger then asked, 'How long could you live in Canada supposing it cost you £1 a week?' and I answered, 'Twelve weeks after paying my passage.' The man said, 'I am over from Canada and return this week. Would you like to accompany me?' I agreed. Then he said, 'Something my longings, it won't cost you anything there. I stayed two days with him. On waking up on Thursday morning I found the man had disappeared and had stolen £31 10s. of my money that I had placed between the mattress and the bed. I was advised to go to the police and report my loss. At the police station they began to question me as to who I was and where I got the money from. Then they looked up a file and found my photograph as a person 'wanted' on a warrant for stealing the money." The alderman remarked that this was a very curious story. The youth's father attended and said that his son, who had won several scholarships, had always borne an exemplary character, though, owing to certain domestic arrangements, things at home had not been so bright as they might have been. Alderman: His conduct is incomprehensible. There is usually something behind the scenes in cases of this sort—betting or gambling.—Six weeks' imprisonment in the second division.

Middlesex Sessions.

PLUCKY WOMAN PRAISED.
The plucky conduct of a woman was the outstanding feature of the case in which Thos. Peters, 35, an Edmonton coster, was indicted for causing grievous bodily harm to P.C. Budd. The evidence was to the effect that prisoner deliberately kicked the constable. There was a hostile crowd arising, prisoner was the only assistance rendered to the police was that given by Mrs. Julia Osborn, who pluckily forced her way into the crowd and blew the constable's whistle.—Sir Ralph Littler told the woman that her husband ought to be proud of her. It was a singular thing, but they often found a hostile crowd arising on attacks on the police, whilst the only assistance forthcoming was from a woman.—Prisoner was found guilty, and given a bad character.—It was stated that on one occasion, when being taken to the police station, he threw the officer down and tried to hold him on the tramway lines until a car passed.—Five years' penal servitude.

DOUBLY A SCAMP.

A German chef, Stephen Russ, pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining small sums of money by false pretences. The chairman told prisoner he was a rogue to cant in the way he had done at the Salvation Army and "Our Saviour." A man who did what he did under the cloak of religion was a double-barrelled scamp.—Two years' hard labour and recommended for deportation.

STRUGGLE WITH A BURGLAR.

Said to be members of a North London gang of burglars, Wm. James and Jno. Mark were indicted for breaking and entering the premises of Mr. Hall, at Philip-lane, Tottenham, and stealing watches and clothing value £20.—Mr. Hall returned home from a walk in the evening, when he found the front door had been forced and the articles to be missing. Prisoners had been inquiring all along the street for a servant girl named Wood, and this led to their identification.—P.C. Peddell met James in the street in the company of another man and arrested him. James first landed a parcel of pirated music to the other man and then

and tried to strike the constable. With the assistance of P.C. Reed both men were taken into custody. P.C. Reed afterwards arrested Mark in Islington. The latter asked what they wanted him for. James said to Det. Neil, "They say they are going to do me up for 17 jobs," to which the detective replied, "Possibly." James then said, "I don't think they can do me for more than three jobs."—Det.-insp. Niel proved convictions against both prisoners, and said 25 cases were attributed to the gang prisoners belonged to.

Bow-street.

BOY'S EMBEZZLEMENT.

An errand boy named Francis Jos. Johnson was charged with embezzling £1 8s. 4d. belonging to Messrs. Hudson Brothers, provision merchants, Strand. Prisoner was employed to take out goods to be paid for on delivery. His accounts were quite correct up to July 28. On that date he absented himself from his work, and it appeared, from a book he left behind, that he had received £1 8s. 4d. he had not accounted for. On Friday night he was arrested by Det. Webb at Hollydell-rd., Peckham, where he was living with his father, who was said to be an invalid. He then stated that he was behindhand with his rent, and had taken certain goods from his masters' money to give to his landlady. After that he did not care to go back to his employment. He added that, with the exception of one shilling, which he put on a horse, he had spent the other money in travelling the country in search of harvesting work.—Mr. E. C. Brown, manager of the prosecutors' Strand branch, said prisoner was the sole support of his father, and there was no desire to press the charge.—Remanded.

AT A FLAT.

Some further evidence was given in the case in which Thos. Saunders and Mary Lascelles, a married woman, living at Clerkenwell, were charged, on remand, with breaking into a flat and stealing certain goods. Thos. Saunders was defended by Mr. Tonkin. On the evening of Sunday, July 19, someone broke into a flat in Orde Hall-st., occupied by Mrs. Lena Davis, and took away a quantity of jewellery and clothing. Last week Mrs. Davis saw Miss Hilda Stalley, a barmaid employed at the Red Lion public-house, Covent-st., wearing one of the brooches stolen from her flat. She asked her where she got it, and she replied that it had been given to her by the male prisoner, who was employed at the Red Lion as a potman. The man was given into custody, and the female prisoner then arrived on the scene. Prosecutors once accused her of wearing another brooch that had been stolen from her flat, and it was alleged that she handed it to another woman, but that was denied.—Mr. Wilson said he would admit at once that the case against the woman was not a strong one.—Mr. Marsham quite agreed, and discharged the woman.—Prisoner, who made certain allegations against her, was committed to the workhouse, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.—Prisoner's wife was granted a separation order.

Thames.

DIAMOND RING UP HIS SLEEVE.

A German subject, Reuben Theale, 21, was charged with stealing from a bedroom at 5, Great Prescott-st., Whitechapel, a gentleman's single stone diamond ring and 2½s. in cash, the property of Frank Frech.—Prosecutor, a waiter, occupied the same room with prisoner at a restaurant at the above address. On the morning of July 31 Frech went to the bathroom and returning to his room later his leather case showed the ring and money were also missing. Witness saw prisoner two hours later, but when questioned, he denied all knowledge of the ring and money.—An assistant warden from Brixton Prison proved finding a diamond ring, since identified by prosecutor, sewn up in the lining of prisoner's coat-sleeve.—Committed for trial.

'BUS CONDUCTOR FINED.

A motor-bus conductor, Solomon Blits, was summoned for using abusive language towards Mrs. Rea Abrahams.—Complainant said while on her way home defendant called her an objectionable name, and when she asked for his number he refused to give it. Before that she was on his motor-bus, where he refused to stop for her, adding, "You are not off yourself." He then pushed her off.—Lewis Abrahams, husband of complainant, said his wife made a complaint to him, and pointed out Blits. Witness told defendant he could report him.—Defendant denied the allegation, adding, "I was not 'pushing' her off."—While with "fellow confederate," complainant came up and said, "My husband says I am to give you in charge."—Fined 12s. and 2s. costs.

Westminster.

STRUGGLE WITH ALLEGED BURGLARS.

A young man, giving the name of John White, was charged with burglariously breaking into 222, Wandsworth-rd., with intent to steal, and the Chichester Arms beerhouse, Belmore-st., S.W., from which he stole several small articles. There was a further charge against prisoner of causing grievous bodily harm to P.C. 335 W.—It was stated by Det.-insp. Andrews, on prisoner being put into the dock, that the constable had been rather severely injured. Some days must elapse before he would be well enough to attend the court.—Accused had a blood-stained bandage about his head, and it was said that the constable, who was alleged to have been attacked, had to draw the constable and use it in self-defence.—At 4.30 yesterday morning Mr. Mansfield, a wholesale confectioner, of 222, Wandsworth-rd., was aroused by his daughter, who had been awakened by hearing

Without dreaming Mr. Mansfield went below, and it was alleged, saw prisoner endeavouring to force a door leading to the parlour. He had with him one of the bolts, but on noticing the occupier he immediately dashed through a fanlight, by which he had gained an entry. Mrs. Man-

field, who had also been aroused, shouted that the man had got into the back yard, and thither her husband followed and seized him. Meanwhile P.C. 335 W. had been attracted, and, climbing the wall at the rear of the premises, he jumped down and struggled with prisoner until further assistance arrived. The constable was badly mauled, however, prisoner, it was further alleged, biting and kicking him. He succeeded in getting away twice, but the constable, although in great pain, managed to prevent his escape.—Prisoner, it was also alleged, had entered the Chichester Arms beerhouse in Belmore-st.—Remanded in custody.

Marlyebone.

HOUSEMAID AND HER LOVER.

Good looking, and of demure appearance, Julia Dawson, 19, domestic servant, of Cochrane-st., St. John's Wood, was charged on remand before Mr. Plowden with stealing £5 in gold, belonging to Miss Annie Euphemia Elsworth, of independent means, residing at 29, Finchley-rd., St. John's Wood. According to the prosecution, Miss Elsworth occupied apartments at the house and prisoner filled the position of housemaid. About the middle of last month prisoner misused £4 from a jewel-case put in her bedroom, where she had put it for safety, so she was marked all her other money. Subsequently she missed £2. Prisoner was given into custody, at first denied having had the money, but afterwards she remarked: "I will show where it is," and produced one of the marked sovereigns from a drawer in her bedroom. New dresses, new hats, and other articles of clothing were found in prisoner's room, and when she was questioned she admitted that she had bought some of them with part of the stolen money.—Sergeant Bowden explained that the young woman had been keeping company with a young man whom she had been seen with.

MARION PRESENTS.

to. He had seen the young man, and the latter had handed him a dressing-case, a watch and chain, and a pendant, which he now produced. When these were shown to the accused, she candidly admitted that she had bought them with some of the money she had stolen.—Mr. Plowden said she should like to see this young man, and a young fellow emerged from the rear of the court, and said he had been keeping company with accused for three years.—Mr. Plowden: Did she give you these handsome presents? Yes.—Have you ever given her a present? Yes.—What was it? A brooch. So that up to now you have been giving her the best of it? Yes.—Did you think these expensive things? I cannot say.—And did you not suspect something wrong? No, I simply took the presents.—Mr. Plowden: No wonder you enjoyed the situation. Stand down.—Accused was allowed to go with her father after she had entered into her recognisances in £20 to come up for judgment if called upon.

Marlborough-street.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

As a sequel to a quarrel Harold Stanford, 29, painter, of Rowton House, King's Cross, was charged on remand with the manslaughter of Wm. Harrison, another painter, by striking him and knocking him down in Clipstone-st., Marylebone.—It appeared from the evidence that the deceased had lived in Upper Charlton-st., Marylebone, and on the evening of July 28 had too much to drink. In a public house he quarrelled with prisoner, and accused him of being the cause of a youth's leaving home. Stanford left the public house and Harrison followed and offered to fight him. Stanford, it was alleged, struck him a blow on the jaw and knocked him down. Harrison got up and was again hit by Stanford. He fell and struck his head on the pavement. He then appeared to be ill, and according to one of the witnesses, "he seemed to lose his mind." He was helped home by the onlookers, including prisoner, who did all that was possible in the circumstances. Deceased died at the Middlesex Hospital the following morning.—Prisoner declared that he simply pushed Harrison, who fell.

WHAT THE POST MORTEM REVEALED.

Dr. Nicholls said the post mortem revealed fracture of the skull and a rupture of the big artery supplying the membrane of the brain, death being due to compression of the brain by a collection of blood released by those injuries.—In answer to a question from the magistrate, the doctor said, in his opinion, the injuries were caused by a fall on the back of the head. In the case of a man who had received a visit from prisoner at Tottenham Court-rd., Police Station on July 30, he voluntarily said he had had a row with a man the previous day and pushed him. He fell on his head and was taken to the hospital. He had been to the hospital and was told the man would not live two hours. Witness at once took Stanford to the hospital and informed that the man was dead. Stanford became very faint at hearing the news. He was then charged with manslaughter. The verdict at the inquest was death by misadventure.—Prisoner, in applying for bail, said he could not find a surety for £10 as required on the last occasion. He bore a good character, and had been specially mentioned in despatches by Lord Roberts.—Committed for trial and allowed out on his own recognisances of £5.

Clerkenwell.

MISTRESS AND SERVANT.

After tasting some carbolic acid owing to worry, a servant named Ellen Wilson, 18, of Chapel-st., Leighton, was charged with attempting to commit suicide.—Accused stated that two or three days ago she "mistakenly" took carbolic acid, and as a result the girl was "worried in her mind." She looked about her, it pulled up the "carpets and everything," but could see no signs of it. Her master (she continued) looked at her as much as to say, "You've got it." Then she offered her 10s. to fetch it back. She said she knew nothing of it, and he then accused her of declaring, of taking the ring. It worried her all day, until she picked up the bottle of carbolic acid and tasted it. It burnt her mouth, so she spat

it out. She pulled herself together and went on with her work.—The constable said she appeared to be all right when he took her into custody. She admitted burning her tongue, but said she didn't swallow the acid.—Mr. Brose allowed the girl's father to take her home.

AFTER THE MILE-END TRIAL.

A solicitor was charged with being drunk. He said he was sorry. He had been at the Mile End guardians' trial all day, and at the conclusion of the case "very stupidly" had several drinks with his friends. Other solicitors attending the trial took a little whisky, an unusual drink for him. It was while he was discussing his cab-fare with a caddy that he was arrested.—A doctor had been called to attend him at the station, as he denied being drunk.—Ordered to pay the medical fee.

West London.

TELEPHONE WIRES CUT.

One cause of inconvenience to telephone subscribers was described when Jas. Harrigan, 19, and Thos. Harrigan, 18, of Golborne-gardens, N. Kensington, were charged with stealing 400 yards of copper wire from the telephone poles on the towing path of the Grand Junction Canal, Harrow-rd., the property of the Postmaster-General.—Mr. Macintyre (prosecutor) stated that there had been no less than 48 cuttings of telephone wires this year along the canal towing path. The line was the trunk telephone line from London to Leeds, Manchester, and Liverpool, and very considerable inconvenience had been caused to telephone subscribers by the constant disconnections of the wires. This particular wire was cut and stolen on July 31, and was recovered by Det. Wignmore and Saunders on the towing path that evening, and were detected carrying the wire to their home. Later, Det. Hambrook called there, and found the wire under the bed on which prisoners were sleeping.—Committed for trial.

Tower Bridge.

MIDNIGHT IN WATERLOO-ROAD.

Conduct which was described as an "intolerable nuisance" is said to have been pursued by a young woman, name and address refused, who was charged with disorderly behaviour and using obscene language outside the Union Jack Club, Waterloo-rd.—Magistrate: What is your name? Prisoner (impudently): I haven't got one.—Try and remember your name. You had better give it, or you may be remanded for inquiries.—Prisoner persisted in her refusal to give any account of herself.—P.C. Frost said he had seen prisoner hanging about the club during the past fortnight. She was one of about 50 or 60 girls and young women who had come there since the club had been opened, and whose disgraceful behaviour caused an intolerable nuisance to the neighbourhood.—Prisoner complained that the constable abused her and hit her with his baton, and kicked all the way to the station, and he had to hold her tightly. She struck me about 20 times.—Prisoner: I shan't give my name till my arm is better.—Magistrate: What was her conduct before she was arrested?—Witness replied that she was dancing along the street and behaving improperly. Two sailors and another girl were with her. The constable refused to let her go, and the inspector asked her if she would like to see a doctor. She replied, "—you, and the doctor, too."

A SUGGESTION FROM THE BENCH.

Replying to further questions by the magistrate, witness said there were 50 or 60 girls, not more than 20 years of age, who had come to London from Portsmouth and Chatham to commit suicide.—It appeared that prisoner entered the house and asked Emma Carter, the barmaid, to mind some books, which she declined to do. He then asked for "a harporth of ale," but the barmaid, they did not make "harporths" and the liquor was refused. Thereupon, prisoner took out a broken table-knife with which he cut his throat. Dr. Harris dressed the wound, which was slight.—Prisoner said, "I'm tired of my life. My cousin is always after me. I've had nothing to eat for four days."—Mr. Hutton expressed the opinion that it would not be easy for a man to kill himself with a knife like that produced.—Remanded.

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A police van was described when Jas. Evans, 39, was charged with loitering for the purpose of betting in Octavius-st., Deptford.—P.S. Gore and P.C. Bolton concealed themselves in a van and said that they saw prisoner take five slips of paper from different persons and pay two men.

Old-street.

YOUNG WOMAN'S DELUSION.

A poorly-clad young woman, whose name and address had not been authenticated when placed in the dock, was charged with attempting to commit suicide. Listlessly she listened to the evidence of a young constable, who said that early that morning he heard a police whistle blown in the street, and went towards Hackney. Hurrying towards Cambridge Heath canal bridge, he saw Chas. Samuel Jeffery, a billposter, struggling with the woman, who was trying to throw herself over the parapet into the water. He rushed to Jeffery's assistance, and heard the woman say: "Oh! let me go over." After having pulled her to a safe position on the pavement, he questioned her, but she was very excited, and unable to give a coherent account of herself. She was taken to Bethnal Green Police Station. On the way there accused stated that she could see a man running after her with a knife in his hand, and on one occasion exclaimed, "Here he comes," and tried to break loose from his grasp, but without success. Jeffery told her when he first saw her she was walking excitedly up and down the side of the bridge, looking out for the most favourable spot to climb over. When he rushed to her she had got one leg over the wall, and asked him to help her over, say-

ing a man was after her with a knife.—Remanded for medical examination.

Lambeth.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

A Free Fooder is Percy Wells, 19, labourer, who was charged with fraudulently obtaining credit to the amount of 6d.—Accused entered a coffee shop in Newington Butts and ordered and consumed a breakfast consisting of a rather of bacon and one egg, some tea, and two slices of bread and butter. After a stay of an hour he slipped out of the shop without paying for the meal. The manager of the premises followed and gave him into custody, when prisoner protested his intention was to return at night and settle matters. Prisoner now said he had been walking about about the streets all night and was hungry.—Mr. Wright, the manager, remarked that if prisoner had told him that, he would have given him some food, but he had had so many cases of this kind that he felt bound to prosecute.—Assistant Gaoler Neal described prisoner as quite worthless, and said he had been before the court for all kinds of offences.—Ten days' hard labour.

South-Western.

WAITRESS'S EXPERIENCE.

A serious charge was preferred against two married women named Gladys Hayman, of Inglemere-rd., Tooting, and Elizabeth Richardson, of Leyton-rd., Wimbledon. It was alleged that they had been concerned in assaulting and robbing Alice Moore, a waitress, giving her address at the Longley-mansions.—The suggestion was that prisoners, meeting prosecutrix in a public-house at High-st., Tooting, walked with her to Broadwater-rd., near by, and after robbing her of her purse, containing about £3 12s. 6d., a bottle of whisky, and some other things, left her insensible on the ground, the allegation being that she was drugged.—Prosecutrix said she had a glass of beer in the public-house. When walking towards the house she lost all consciousness, and did not remember anything more till she found herself in a field and robbed of all her belongings.—Prisoners alleged that prosecutrix was the worse for drink and fell into unconsciousness, but this witness denied.—Det. Mayne and another officer arrested prisoners. Hayman had the bottle of whisky, and Richardson, addressing the detective, was alleged to have said, "I know what you have come for. It's about that robbery. The other woman came with me to Broadwater-rd. I suppose you have got her."—Remanded, bail refused.

SCENE IN COURT.

A painful incident occurred when Henry Williams, 27, labourer, of Ponton-st., Battersea, was charged with attempting to commit suicide. Prisoner, after having had some angry words with his wife, kissed his child, and then cut his throat with a table-knife, falling insensible to the ground. A friend wrapped him in a wound in an apron, and prisoner was removed to St. Thomas's Hospital where his injuries were dressed. While accused was telling the magistrate of his unhappy relations with his wife he was seized with a fit of epilepsy, and fell heavily to the ground. The painful incident caused some consternation. After he had recovered Mr. de Grey committed him for trial.

Greenwich.

SCENE IN A PUBLIC-HOUSE.

A sequel to a visit to the Centurion public-house, Deptford Broadway, was the appearance of Wm. Howes, 45, who was charged with attempting to commit suicide.—It appeared that prisoner entered the house and asked Emma Carter, the barmaid, to mind some books, which she declined to do. He then asked for "a harporth of ale," but the barmaid, they did not make "harporths" and the liquor was refused. Thereupon, prisoner took out a broken table-knife with which he cut his throat. Dr. Harris dressed the wound, which was slight.—Prisoner said, "I'm tired of my life. My cousin is always after me. I've had nothing to eat for four days."—Mr. Hutton expressed the opinion that it would not be easy for a man to kill himself with a knife like that produced.—Remanded.

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East Ham.

THEFT FROM A MISSION HALL.

A schoolboy, Herbt. H. Haywood, of Talbot-rd., East Ham, was charged with being concerned with Albert Probyn and John Haywood (in custody) in breaking and entering the Bonny Downs Mission Hall, East Ham, and stealing three brass lamps.—Mr. C. Levick, prosecuting, said that early on Friday P.C. Merry saw the two lads in custody and prisoner in Park-avenue, East Ham. They were acting suspiciously, and John Haywood was carrying a sack. The other two were seen on them, and they decamped. Merry followed, and when the lads got to the backwaters of the River Roding, Probyn and John Haywood threw the sack into the water. The constable still followed them, and arrested the two who had thrown the sack away. The water was dragged later, and the sack on being pressed up was found to contain three brass lamps and a small box. Haywood said he was prisoner and told him he wanted him Haywood said, "I didn't get in the mission hall. It was my brother and 'Punch' Probyn.

INQUESTS.

SUICIDE'S LAST PRAYER.

A most pathetic letter was read at an inquest held by Mr. Schroder, on Edward Wilkins, 56, upholsterer's assistant, of Shipland-rd., W., who died from oxalic acid poisoning. The widow stated deceased had been out of work ten months. He lost his position which he had held for some years through the firm reducing its staff. He was depressed through his inability to obtain employment, his age being against him. He had sometimes said: "I had better be out of this world. I am a burden to you." During the last few days he had been very strange in his manner and on Wednesday night seemed distracted, rushing in and out of the house, and on Thursday morning she found him on the stairs with a glass containing a white liquid in his hand. He said: "Oh, mother, it will be soon over, give me the rest." He then ran into the street. Some neighbours brought him back and a policeman administered an emetic, but death took place in a few minutes. The Coroner read the following letter left by deceased:—"May God be merciful to me, and may I be forgiven for that which I am about to do. If my nerves had not broken down I should have been at work now. May God bless my dear wife and children. May I see them again. My dear son, and Lord, in Thy mercy, forgive me for this act and receive my soul into eternal peace and joy. I hope soon to see my dear son Ernie. The widow explained that her son Ernie died a few months ago.—Verdict: Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

HER LAST FAREWELL.

A singular freak of nature was disclosed at an inquest held at Hackney, by Dr. Westcott, on Sarah Ann North, 31, a laundry attendant, of 15, Digby-rd., Hemerton.—David Clark, a solicitor's managing clerk, of Bentham-rd., South Hackney, stated that he had known deceased for 16 years. He saw her on Tuesday and arranged to meet her the next day. On arriving at her house he found she had been passing her time at Dalston Junction in the train, and when she alighted there she turned and kissed her hand to him. That was the last time he saw her alive. She had said nothing about being ill. They had been talking of a holiday they intended taking shortly to the Isle of Man and to Lake district. Deceased showed that deceased was on her way to Stamford Hill to take up her duty from 4 p.m. till 11 p.m. At Kingsland Gate she was seen by a constable to fall to the ground, and when a doctor was called she was found to be dead.—Dr. Barlow stated that death was due to syncope from a dilated heart. A singular freak of nature was revealed in the fact that deceased was found with only one kidney, the left, which weighed 1½ lbs.—Verdict: Natural death.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

At Southwark Mr. F. J. Waldo conducted an inquiry on Jas. George Napper, 47, shunter in charge of the South Eastern and Chatham Rly., of Woking, Surrey.—H. O. Woodall, a ganger, said that the previous Saturday he was in Hither Green siding, when he saw deceased, who was just going on duty. He was carrying a red rose, and appeared quite cheerful. A minute or two later witness heard a shout, and on turning round saw Napper lying in the four-foot, having been run over by an engine and brake. Witness had heard the engine whistle.—Alfred Rhodes, engine driver, said they had been waiting for the signal, and having got it they started. At this time deceased was walking in the six-foot, and was perfectly safe. When they had got to within a few yards of him witness again sounded the whistle, and Napper leaped across the rails in front of the engine, which knocked him down.—Geo. Bull, the engine driver, stated that he knew nothing of the accident until Rhodes told him. Dr. Hinde, of Guy's Hospital, said that death was due to shock following severe internal injuries. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated the engine driver from all blame.

A CABMAN'S DESPAIR.

The body of a man found lying on Friday in Shaftesbury Buildings, a model lodging-house at Pitke, of Woking, at the inquest identified as Wm. Phillips, 52, a Brighton cabdriver, who was out of employment. Deceased had come to Crofton in search of work and failed to find any, he becoming depressed in consequence.—Medical evidence showed that deceased, who had been dead for two or three days.—Suicide during temporary insanity.

BLACK AND WHITE.

MISRO COMEDIAN TO BE EXPELLED FROM ENGLAND.

Rd. Brown, 33, a negro of American nationality, living at Chapel Mews, Hammersmith, Green, Portland-st., W., was charged before Mr. Denman, at Marlborough-st., with living on the improper earnings of an English woman, whose name was unknown.—Sergeant Etherington and P.C. Forster, officers of the D division, gave evidence of having seen prisoner follow the woman about streets in the West End, and on two occasions take money from her.—Prisoner went into the witness-box and, on oath, said that he was a comedian, being at present engaged with another coloured man at the Hippodrome, Rotherhithe. His stage name was Stirling. He had performed at Olympia, Shore-ditch, and prior to that was a member of a quartette which broke up seven months ago. He denied the charge. He lived with the woman, but took no money from her. On the other hand, he said that he kept her with the money he earned. During the past few weeks, part of which time he was not performing, he had lived on money he had earned by his hard labour and saved for ten months in England and two years and ten months in America. The police must have made a mistake. He formed the opinion that they had made up their evidence. As in America, he believed they disbelieved the coloured man.—Mr. Denman: I have the sensation of convicting a man in a term of hard labour, and I shall recommend an expulsion order.

Boon of Cheap Fares.
There is a public as well as a shareholders' side to the working of our railways, and I am delighted to note that none of the big companies lend any support to the idea of raising the price of excursion and week-end tickets. These facilities are a true

mendous boon to millions of workers who, but for cheap tickets, would rarely, if ever, enjoy the delights of the country and the coast. Our friends of the National Students League have done wonders in cheapening the journeys to green fields and fresh pastures, and there must be no tampering with opportunities which those who toil for small wages at present, given to, get away for a few

"God Save the King."
I am afraid my friend, Sir Ed-
ward Bridge, has not generalized ac-
curately his usual accuracy in say-
ing that in England we are "afraid to
sing" the National Anthem. It is
true, a habit has grown up of assign-
ing to a soloist the singing of the

verses, but my experience is that the audience always repeats them after the singer, and with uncommon heartiness. If Sir Frederick will attend the next meeting of Grand Habitation of the Primrose League at Albert Hall—it is true he will have to wait till next April—he will hear 10,000 voices giving out "God Save the King" in one mighty union. I know of no more inspiring experience.

than the singing of the National Anthem by a vast gathering.

Radical Mistrust.

It is remarkable how nervous the Radical rank and file are concerning the possible doings of the Government during the few weeks of recess. Quite agree they are not to be trusted and that in a day some rash act may undo the diplomatic work of years.

But what is so delightful is to listen to the radical lamentations on the subject. Here is Mr. Hilaire Belloc, M.P., giving the whole show away completely in a long soliloquy. It is amazingly refreshing to hear him declare that, "at the beginning of every recess, one ought to ask oneself what stupid thing will probably come before the House meets again."

While I am all against turning games into labour, there is, I think, a good deal in the suggestion that something might be done to give to thousands of young lads who are to be seen in our London parks and open spaces floundering with bat and ball some really sound ideas of the game of cricket. The fact that they love the game, ignorant as they so often

are by its rules and principles, is to the good, and the proposal that some of the big public schools should act as cricket missionaries and spread the true faith among the boys of the rent-free pitches is not a bad one.

Faith of English Jews.

How many Jews in this country still observe with religious rigour the fasts and feasts appointed by the Church is a question which suggests

itself in relation to the East of which has just taken place. That number of English Jews who take an active interest in communal service is a fast decreasing one cannot, I think, be denied. The Jews are a wonderful people, and they possess a religion as beautiful in many respects as it is old, but the spirit of modernity is over the Jew, and the ancient beliefs and observances are

Competition in the Air.

moment with the air-ship. When France stood first in the making of really useful balloons there were sorts of wild predictions as to what she would be able to do if war came. The balloon bogey lasted a year or two, although it was only the ordinary bag of gas obliged to follow where the wind chose. Germany, an intrepid Count deserve to be commended on her forward state-

the matter of the air-ship, but at the same time our business is to go better with a good, workable, stay-up-able Nulli Secundus.

notice a strange similarity in the ultimate fate of the German and British air-ships. The one came down in the town and crashed round St. Paul's, the other only to go to Sydenham and smash up in a storm. The Zeppelin evolutions around the famous spire of Strasbourg Cathedral, in a pardonable piece of "show off," and then went to St. Paul's and smothered. A Radio Times contemporary pictures the time when

a great German fleet may be seen high in the heavens. "Then," said the writer with a jolly sneer at the citizen army which is now shipping itself in camp, "it would be time indeed for our energetic Territorials to fall into their places and harm their 'bus horses to their guns." "Territorials will be wanted long before that day of fantasy, and for more effective purposes.

King Fire and the Country House.

Considering the great risks which their very isolation entails it is not surprising that the owners of country mansions do not take more precautions than they do to prevent outbreaks of fire. These are the days of fire prevention: the means to take are many and scientific, and

one is constantly reading of so beautiful old place, full of art treasures, being ransacked to the ground through lack of simple precautions. And what is always a feature of the fires—there have been two such in the past week—is a lack of water. Surely it should be the first concern of the owner of an isolated country mansion to see to it that there is a plentiful supply, either in huge roof tanks

the very best position for the use
sprinklers—or in neighbouring positions.

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INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.
NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CARDS.

[By E. B. TURNER.]

BRIDGE.
I have had several letters with regard to the hand I published the week before last, and the play of it last week. The writers point out that it was an extremely weak hand for me to have dealt. No Trumps, and that it was a sheer stroke of luck that I found enough in Dummy to get home against the double. I do not think that those who have little else take in the conditions of the three-handed cut-throat game which we were playing. In that game the declaration by Dummy on a passed hand is given by rule, and he must declare his longest suit, unless he has three or four Aces, which he must declare No Trumps. In other words, with this hand, Hearts, A K Q, Diamonds, A K Q, Clubs, K Q J, and spades, 4 3 2, he must make spades trumps, though with such cards a No Trump call would almost certainly win the game. In the second place all tricks lost by dealer on his own hand, or by declarer, are not scored below to force the game, as in ordinary four-handed bridge, but are merely entered above the line, and increase the total of points scored in that position by the opponents. For instance, if dealer calls No Trumps, and in the play of the hand loses three tricks, and the opponents hold three aces between them, they do not score 3 above and 3 below the line and win the game, as they would if four were in the hand, but each of them scores 7 1/2 above the line, and between them they win 14 1/2 points from dealer when the final addition of the rubber score is made. Under these circumstances, a No Trump only scores tricks to win the game and rubber, as your own declaration, it frequently pays to "make a dash for the game," and risk the loss of points above in the hope of getting points below. Now in the game in question I had two aces in my own hand, and therefore, it was quite impossible for Dummy to call No Trumps, and my hand, though guarded in every way, would have required a very big heart or diamond hand to go out from the score of 8. So I took my chance of finding a long suit or an ace in Dummy's hand, thinking that if he had anything it would be worth twelve a trick at No Trumps, and if he had not, well then I should have a few more points above the line. It was a chance, and I should have called No Trumps in the ordinary game unless I was in a tight place with the game and 20 or over scored against me. Under such circumstances I should of course have called No Trumps, and plunged. There is, as all players know, a great deal in calling and playing to the score at bridge, and what under some circumstances would be a folly, under others may be the right play, which may or may not be crowned with success. In the play of the hand, as soon as I got in, the only thing of difficulty was to try and avoid being blocked in Diamonds, and had I led the Knave, A would most certainly have covered with the Queen, and the game would not have been won, as I could only have made tricks. By leading the 10 A I was in difficulty, and hesitated to sacrifice in difficulty, when it looked as if I might be going to put on the King, and if I had, then he would have got in and made his heart. I must, as I usually do, ask the indulgence of those of my readers whose questions are not promptly answered, as for the next few weeks I shall be in the hospital, where cards are unknown and post offices and dates of arrival are vague.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

BRIDGE. R. French. You say my play to lead the Ace would "give the show away" too much.

CHESS.

[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

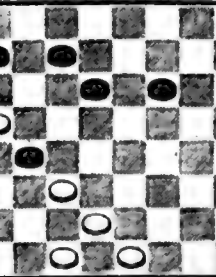
Next Monday will see the opening of the British Chess Congress at Tunbridge Wells, and all who have even the slightest acquaintance with that charming town, lying as it does in the very centre of the Eden of Kent, will congratulate the Executive Committee of the Chess Association, who have received for the various tournaments. In the British Chess Congress, limited to twelve selected competitors, will take part—J. H. Blackburne, I. Gussbier, H. E. Atkins, R. E. Loom, R. F. Mitchell, J. F. Lewis, H. R. H. W. Woodhouse, H. Macdonnell, J. H. Blake, E. G. Sergeant, and Rev. W. C. Palmer. A close and exciting contest may be predicted. The Ladies' Chess Association, consisting of Mrs. H. R. H. W. Woodhouse, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Houlding, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Sydney, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Josephine, Mrs. Curling, Mrs. Croom, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Masefield, Mrs. P. J. Macdonnell, D. Miller, C. Redburn, W. P. James, Frank Brown, and J. C. Waterman.

DRAUGHTS.

[By J. M. ROBERTS.]

PROBLEM No. 542.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,379 births and 1,057 deaths were registered last week.

The deaths included 19 from measles, 10 from scarlet fever, 13 from diphtheria, 10 from whooping-cough, one from enteric fever, and 50 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 62 deaths, and four of homicide. The remaining 14 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,743 births and 1,469 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 206 and 513 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 12.1 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,902 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 11.1, 11.1, and 11.3.

The management of the Royal County Theatre, Kingston-on-Thames, announce that afternoon tea will be served in the private boxes, dress circle, and orchestra stalls without charge at the Wednesday matinee.

Popular day excursions to Yarmouth, Margate, Brighton, Portsmouth, Hastings, etc., organised by Cook and Son, will resume running to-morrow, and continue to the end of the season.

When Chas. Fdk. Holly was remanded at Bath on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by jumping from a train, he stated that he did not intend to kill himself, but had been suddenly seized with the idea that he would meet with an accident if he remained in the train.

HUNT FOR A GIANT BOY.
Leon G. Shelton, a New York boy, who, although he is only 15 years old, is 6 ft. 11 in. tall, has been missing from his home for several days, and although he is so conspicuous a figure no trace of him has been found.

DEATH FROM SUNSTROKE.
An inquest was held at Limerick on a man who died from the effects of sunstroke. Deceased, whose name is unknown, went to sleep in a field and was thus exposed to the heat of the sun.

SOLDIERS AMUSEMENTS.
The War Office is asking for reports as to whether the accessories for five courts now existing for soldiers are used by the men to such an extent as to justify the cost of provision; and whether some more popular form of recreation can be suggested.

Lord Harris has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the Territorial Force.

Hungary's wheat crop was on August 1 officially estimated at 1,450,000 tons, as compared with last year's total yield of 3,214,000 tons.

A new fire station for Harborne has been opened by Miss Godlee, who pressed an alarm button and turned out the brigade in 20 seconds.

Several French detectives have arrived in Lausanne in search of Lemoine, the diamond-maker, who is supposed to be hiding in Switzerland. The King has intimated to Viscount Croke, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, his intention to present new colours to the Norfolk Territorial Regiment.

Two tandem, engaged in a bicycle race at Bordeaux (France), came into collision and were thrown against the barriers, the four riders being seriously injured.

Mr. Horace F. Hughes swam from the Albert Edward Dock, Preston, to Lytham in 3 hours, and gained the medal offered by the Preston and Life-Saving Club.

The Rev. K. Duncombe de Ruette, formerly of Lewisham-road, Greenwich, and recently of Agra, India, has accepted the pastorate of Grafton-square Baptist Church, Clapham.

Twelve foreign and Colonial Governments will send delegates to the first International Moral Education Congress which will be held at the Imperial Institute from Sept. 25 to 29.

QUEEN AS A PRIZE WINNER.
The Queen was one of the exhibitors at the King's Lynn Exhibition. She is the class for bantams one of her Majesty's birds took the first prize in a strong competition, while two others received cards.

WHERE TWINS ABOUND.
The village of High Helden, near Ashford, undoubtedly holds the record for the number of twins born there. Ten children, all of whom are twins, attend the village school regularly. Every morning two older twins can be seen carrying two younger twins to school, all being members of one family.

EISENHOFER'S PRIZE CHOR.
At Cardiff semi-national Eisteddfod, the London Welsh choir of 300 voices won the chief choral competition a prize of 100 guineas, with a gold medal for the conductor. Two other choirs competed—viz., Rhymney and Cardiff. The test piece was: "My love dwelleth in a northern land" (Egert) and "Come with torches" (Mendelssohn).

TENNISON CENTENARY.
The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Tennyson—Aug. 6, 1800—is to be celebrated at Haslemere next July by the reproduction of some of the poems from the "Idylls of the King" (parts of which were written there) under Mr. Irvine, Master of the Chesham Pageant.

A record crop of elderberries is predicted by Kent growers. "I believe so little I am told in court that I cannot form an opinion," said Judge Bacon at Bloomsbury County Court.

Every warship in the United States navy is to have a post-office on board, with a postmaster and all facilities for transacting postal business.

A new school of music in which pupils will be taught not only to sing but also to laugh musically has been opened at Milan.

It has been decided to remove the office of the Zoological Society from Hannover-square to the gardens in Regent's Park, where new buildings will be erected.

Many of the 1,900 pigons which took part in the East London Homing Federation's race from Pinhook, Lincolnshire, to London were found to have had their wings riddled with shot when they reached home.

At West Grinstead a 17-year-old girl was standing on the step of a bicycle ridden by her young man when, at a crossing a motor ran into her, she received severe injuries to her head, which proved fatal.

The Lerwick motor fishing-boat Pearl came into collision with the steam drifter Comet Star outside Lerwick Harbour, and sank in three minutes. The crew was rescued.

Rbt. Hickingledham was carrying a plank across the stores yard at Messrs. Rushton, Proctor, and Co.'s engineering works at Lincoln, when the plank was caught by some trucks that were being shunted. He was knocked beneath the trucks and instantly killed.

Lord Hayleigh, Professor J. J. Thomson, Dr. H. T. Glazebrook, Sir John Glaser, and Mr. A. P. Trotter have been appointed by the President of the Board of Trade as British delegates to the international conference on electrical units and standards, which is to assemble in London on Oct. 12.

REMARKABLE DOUBLE WEDDING.
An unusual double wedding took place at Vinkovits, in Hungary, where a widower of 46 married a girl of 16 at the same time that his son, aged 22, married the girl's mother, a widow aged 37.

A LONG-LIVED FAMILY.
The master of St. Austell Workhouse reported to the guardians that a woman aged 97, who was brought into the workhouse recently by her son, aged 75, was taken out a few days later by her sister, who was 90 years of age.

EMILE MATHEUS, aged 57, of Montmorency, near Enghien, has been fined 45 by the local court for using a profane word to the servant of a croupier at the Enghien casino. When the fine was imposed a difficulty arose, as Emile's income is only a penny a month. It was calculated that at this rate it would take 40 years to pay the fine. The court made his father responsible.

At Hampton, Devon, a stag was killed in the centre of the town by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. The Rev. H. Bury, vicar of St. Paul's, Avenue-road, N.W., has been elected Bishop of Honduras and Central America.

The American motor-boat Dixie II. won the international motor-boat race at Huntington, Long Island, New York, the British Wolseley Sledge being second.

One of the most prominent public men of Hertfordshire, Mr. A. H. Longman, of Shendish Park, Hemel Hempstead, has died suddenly from heart failure.

Pellestone, the man who was tried and acquitted on a charge of murdering by means of a bomb ex-Governor Steinbock, of the State of Idaho, has just died.

Paderewski has accepted the directorship of the famous Warsaw Conservatoire of Music on the understanding that certain reforms are carried out in accordance with his views.

Up to the present between 60 and 50 members of both Houses of Parliament have signed their intention of being present at the forthcoming conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at Berlin.

In view of the accumulation of supplies, the railways in the Mous district of Belgium have decided to lower the price of coal by 10d. per ton for all kinds, and to reduce wages by 11 per cent.

Painters, sculptors, musicians, and builders were not likely to pass through a university course without injury to their force and artistic gifts, said Mr. W. R. Lethaby, of the Royal College of Art, at the International Art Congress in London.

THIEVES' MAUL.
The residence of Sir Trevor Lawrence (president of the Royal Horticultural Society) at Burford, near Dorking, was entered by burglars, who stole a gold watch and other jewellery, valued at between £50 and £70.

CORPORATIONS AND THE FRANCHISE.
The Bill to confer the municipal franchise upon mercantile corporations and companies is approved of by 1,552 public bodies. Among these are 45 banks and discount houses, 153 breweries and distilleries, 14 canals and docks, 43 insurance companies, 32 tramways and omnibus companies, and 11 telegraph and telephone companies.

LITTLE BOY'S NAUGHTY WORD.
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LADY "RECTOR" IN THE FIELD.
Lady students of Aberdeen University propose to run Mrs. Hy. Fawcett, President of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, as candidate for the Lord Rectorship of the University, and to carry the matter to the Law Courts if Mrs. Fawcett is called. The other candidates are Mr. Aquith and Sir Edward Carson.

A shipment of wheat has been despatched from King's Lynn to Canada for seed. The purchase was made by the Dominion Government.

A visitor to Blackpool named Jas. Brown Shepherd, of Heywood, died from gas poisoning, caused by a defective bracket in his bedroom.

Prize-winners at a baby show at Windsor were paraded round the ring while the band played "See the Conquering Hero Come."

Showing an excess of 16 per cent. over the normal, the July rainfall in India was the best for 15 years and was singularly well distributed over the country.

While engaged in oiling the points on the railway line near Dunfermline a man named Andrew Davidson was knocked down by an engine and killed.

A boy named Homewood was knocked down and killed at Aberystwyth, near Swansea, by a pony, attached to an ice-cream cart, running away.

Bound for London, the sub-committee of the American Monetary Commission appointed to study the monetary systems of European countries, sailed from New York this week in the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

"The applicant," said counsel in a compensation case at Wandsworth, "has been attended by several doctors—seven, as a matter of fact. Perhaps that accounts for his condition."

Referring to the case of a hen which laid 29 eggs in 23 days, Mr. W. Partridge, of Hushley Heath, Hertfordshire, writes that he has a Partridge Wyandotte which in the 66 days between Feb. 27 and May 2 laid every day.

Three partners in the firm of Morris, Sons, and Peard, auctioneers, were fined 1s. each at Bridgewater for selling without a license at a stock and implement sale tickets for a lunch at which intoxicants were provided.

A BEAUTY SHOW.
The International Beauty Show to be held at the Victoria Pier, Folkestone, on Friday, promises to be a great success, and entries have already been received from France, Germany, and Italy.

BEES IN POSSESSION.
Owing to a swarm of bees having taken possession of the porch of the main entrance at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, the congregation on Sunday had to enter and leave the building by the small channel door.

ACCIDENT TO AN M.P.
Mr. H. C. Brodie, M.P. for the Reigate division of Surrey, who is a major in the 1st County of London Yeomanry, met with a serious accident at Streteley-on-Thames, where his regiment is in training. Owing to his horse falling back on him Mr. Brodie injured his back so severely as to incapacitate him from military duties.

Clacton's Council have decided to fence in the bandstand on the front and to charge for admission. During a cloud burst in Bisbee, Arizona, houses containing entire families were swept away, and a large number of persons were drowned.

Lord Wolverton has been appointed treasurer to the Railway Benevolent Institution in place of Lord Billington, who has resigned.

In her 90th year, Mrs. Hall has left Fleet, Hampshire, and is travelling alone to Canada, where she hopes to join her son.

Colchester has been placed on the motoring "black list" owing to the number of drivers who have been proceeded against.

An inquest was held at Beckenham on Mr. W. Pestell, a Penge undertaker, who fell through a skylight and died from concussion of the brain. Verdict, accidental death.

Count Tondella, a Portuguese nobleman, has been assassinated at Fundao in the province of Beira, by his nephew, who afterwards attempted to commit suicide.

North-east coast engineers are likely to ballot shortly on the suggestion that the settlement of their dispute be referred to the executive council in London.

In her 91st year, Mrs. Margaret Birt, a well-known Surrey philanthropist, has died at Godalming. Many years ago she served as a missionary in Ceylon, but for the last 45 years she has lived at Godalming.

A gang of men have broken into Owlerton, near York, and they smashed the ornate boxes, attempted to ride a safe, damaged the organ, and consumed the communion wine. They also did considerable damage to the church fittings. The men got clear away.

WILLING MAIDENS.
On the occasion of the jubilee of the town of Wilhelmshaven, in Germany, the burgemeister received a telegram, signed by all the unmarried girls of the place, advising him to get married, and saying that some of the undersigned had any objection to becoming a frau burgemeisterin.

NEW ZEALAND'S FINANCES.
In an interview Sir J. Ward, the Premier of New Zealand, stated that the financial position of New Zealand at the present time was unusually strong. The Government has nearly £1,500,000 cash in hand in the Dominion and unpledged securities in London, upon which it could, if required, obtain £1,200,000.

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Mile End Guardians have decided to reduce their rate by 3d. in the £. Dr. Marshall has been appointed chaplain to the Edinburgh Garrison. In giving evidence at Acton, a constable referred to the "female prostitute."

The Duke of Devonshire has been appointed his Majesty's Lieutenant for Derbyshire. Baron Sternberg, for many years the Russian Consul-General in London, is dead.

A new variety of rose and a new cream black variation attracted much attention at the Horticultural Society's show at Westminster.

A verdict of suicide was returned in the inquest on Jno. Whitbread, who on the evening of Bank Holiday jumped from Highgate Archway into the roadway below.

John Aspinall, aged 76, was run down by a cyclist, who had lost control of his machine, at West Kirby, Cheshire, and died 10 minutes afterwards.

The Advocate-General has refused to admit the contentions contained in Mr. Tlak's appeal against his conviction, and has declined to issue a certificate.

Mr. F. W. Wadman, chief officer of the Bath fire brigade, has died in hospital from lockjaw, the result of injuries sustained while proceeding to a country fair, when the engine was upset.

There are few, if any, institutions in the kingdom so deserving of support as the National Lifeboat Institution," telegraphed Lord Knollys, on behalf of the King, in response to a loyal message from a lifeboat demonstration at Southampton.

According to a report presented to the Education Committee of the London County Council, 16 per cent. of the girls who sat for scholarship suffered from defective teeth, 14 per cent. from unhealthy conditions of the throat, 3 per cent. from defective hearing, and 12.5 per cent. from anæmia.

KING'S BOUNTY.
The King's bounty of £3 has been sent to Mrs. Herbert Mann, a dock labourer's wife, of York-buildings, Slough, who has given birth to triplets.

CHANCE FOR RECORD BREAKERS.
It has been calculated that the number of ways in which a set of dominoes can be combined is 254,328,211,840. Two players who spent 10 hours a day at the game could only exhaust the total number of combinations in several thousands of years.

HISTORIC HOME TO LET.
Rushbrook Park, near Bury St. Edmunds, is to be let furnished on lease, with its fine XVIIIth century furniture. In the drawing-room Queen Elizabeth held her Court in 1578. The library is famous for its old MSS. and paintings by early masters. Daniel Defoe mentions it in his writings.

NEXT WEEK, "A MOTOR CAR ELOPEMENT."

SUNG BY MISS GRACIE GRAHAME.

I would not wish to love You less!

Sung by CHARLIE KING (of KING AND BENSON).

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Written by JOHN P. HARRINGTON.

Composed by T. W. THURBAN.

Key B♭.

1. So we must part, Sweet heart, Sweet heart, So af-ter ma-ny days, Of love now past, we
2. The rip-pling rill, a - down the hill, Hill mur-murs, as of Of hope and youth, and
3. Can you re-call the past, with all its days of prom-ise fair, With an-moved brow, think

reach, at last, The part-ing of the ways, Oh! lay your lips at love's o-clipse, In
love and truth, Yet, they can bloom no more, The day is fair, but you're not there, I
of the now, And all that we once were, Though you are cold to vows of old, My

ten-der-ness on mine, Fare-well, fare-well, So love's sweet spell, That made life seem di-vine, I
miss love's gold-en ray, Hope's door is shut, and life is but One long, bleak win-ter's day, I
love is still the same, If we must part—so be it, sweetheart, I'll speak no word of blame!

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REFRAIN. con espres.

I would not wish..... to love you less..... Tho' all the past is o'er..... I would not

wish..... to love you less..... I could not love you more..... I would not wish..... to love you

less..... Tho' all the past is o'er..... I would not wish..... to love you less..... I could not

love you more! less..... I could not love you more!.....

1st and 2nd Verses. B.D.A.M.I.

love you more! less..... I could not love you more!.....

3rd Verse only. D.S. f

PLUCKY DAUGHTER.

FATHER COMMITS SUICIDE WHILE INSANE.

A pathetic story of a daughter's luck was told at the Royal Albert Hospital, when an inquiry relative to the death of J. J. P. Harvey, aged 37, of Clarence Cottages, Devonport, formerly a corporal in the 1st Buffs, was held. Florence Harvey, wife of deceased, stated that her husband was a labourer in a dockyard. He went to work as usual, but in the evening suffered with pain in his head. She asked if he could get something, but answered in the negative, and went to bed. The pain became so intense that he lay groaning during the night. At 2.45 in the morning she went downstairs, where he had been lying, to see if he could get him something. He told her he wanted something, and asked her to put out the light, as he hoped to get to bed, and up again about eight o'clock. She was dressing she heard her father scream, and say that her father had cut his throat. She went at once to the door, and saw her father holding up his hand to his head. "Whatever have you done, Jack?" she asked, but she received no reply. Her husband was lying on his back, and she had been unable for the past twelve months, and had seen a doctor, who gave him a prescription. He has been continually taking his medicine. At six weeks ago he became very strange in his manner, and said he was sure he should go out of his mind. The weather did not change. With her husband lived very happily together, and there was nothing to worry him. Florence Nellie Harvey, aged 14, a daughter, said she went into the kitchen, where her father was sleeping, about eight o'clock on Sunday morning, and saw him in bed. She went to fetch some water, and upon her return saw her father cut his throat with a razor. She rushed over to him, snatched the razor away, threw it across the room, and caught him as he was falling. He was too heavy for her to hold, so she placed him gently on the floor. The last words she heard her father say were, "Oh, oh, my head!"

Sent for a Doctor

and an ambulance, and when the latter arrived deceased was placed upon it. Dr. McKelvey then put in an appearance, and ordered the man's removal to the Royal Albert Hospital, where he died about an hour and a half after being attended to. E. A. Shirell, house surgeon at the Royal Albert Hospital, said deceased had suffered a deep incised wound from just below one ear to the other. Several large blood vessels had been cut, and the wound had been opened. Witnesses arrested the emergency, stitched the wound, and administered remedies for the shock deceased had sustained. Just as the wound had been stitched death ensued. In summing up, the coroner made special reference to the plucky conduct of the daughter. The experience must have been a very sorrowful one, but she showed great courage and promptitude; in fact, he had no hesitation in saying that, in similar cases, persons much older than she had shown fright, and had run away rather than stay behind and help. If anyone deserved praise, the girl did, and he hoped that her case might be considered by those persons who looked after young women, so that she might be assisted in the future. She deserved it, and if she continued to show such courage throughout her life he was sure she would have a useful career. A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned, and a vote of sympathy passed with the family.

BOY ORGANIST.

Richard Thos. Tuck, whose photo is reproduced, is probably one of the youngest organists in the Kingdom, though only 15 years of age, he



RICHARD THOS. TUCK.

has just been appointed organist at Leonard's Church, Leicester. He was organist at the Leicester Infirmary. He started his career at the organ about 18 months ago.

THEY DID NOT "DIP HIM."

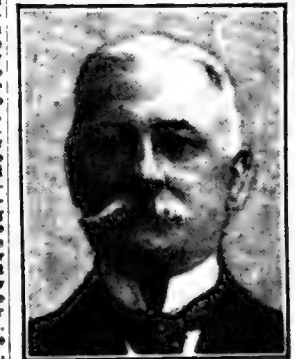
A disorderly scene was witnessed at the church of the Agapemones at Upper Clapton in the afternoon. A rumour was prevalent in the street that Mr. Piggott, the leader of a sect, was to return to Upper Clapton from Somerset, and consequently a crowd gathered in the vicinity of the church. A gentleman in clerical dress walked up to the church, and was entering the building when the crowd shouted that it was Piggott. Several young men rushed in his direction, and one of them "dipped him" apparently meaning to take him to a pond near the church. However, by this time the gentleman had entered the church. Some constables arrived on the scene and dispersed the crowd. It is understood that Mr. Piggott is still in Somerset.

A VOLUNTEER VETERAN.

THE AGITATION FOR THE LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

We here give a portrait of Staff-Sergeant R. J. Perfit-Harvey, who, together with Sgt. D. Capern, played a leading part in securing the grant of the Long Service Medal for Volunteers. Sgt. Perfit-Harvey joined the old 19th Middlesex Rifles in 1859, then commanded by Thomas Hughes, Q.C. (author of "Tom Brown's Schooldays"), and afterwards M.P. for Lambeth. In connection with the agitation of Perfit-Harvey, and another young "limb of the law," a amusing incident is recorded. Both made for the Bible to secure the distinction of being first sworn. The result was that their skulls came together with a crash and an unguarded word escaped. Capt. Hughes, who administered the oath of allegiance, observed, "Well, gentlemen, that is, indeed, a valid oath."

The Long Service Medal Agitation. Sgt. Perfit-Harvey subsequently transferred to the 20th Middlesex and later to the 2nd Middlesex Artillery, and while a member of the latter corps he initiated the movement to



STAFF-SERGEANT PERFIT-HARVEY.

secure the Long Service Medal, and shortly afterwards Sgt. Capern joined hands with him. He first with the sanction of Mr. Childers (Secretary for War), addressed to every Corps in Great Britain a request for the signature of every man who had served continuously for 21 years. This was in 1880, when the Force attained its majority. The result was that nearly 6,000 men were entitled to be thus recognized. For years the agitation proceeded and it was eventually crowned with success.

A SCHOOLBOY MEDALLIST

We here give a portrait of a schoolboy who has just earned a distinction which makes him the envy of every youth in the country. The fortunate boy is Phillip Lockwood, and



PHILLIP LOCKWOOD. (Photo, Park.)

he has won the gold medal which the King annually presents to the King Edward VII. Grammar School at King's Lynn for the boy who is considered by the headmaster to be the best in both education and behaviour. Lockwood is studious and persevering, and is very popular amongst his schoolfellows.

EMPIRE DAY.

THE KING AND COLONIAL CHILDREN.

The Earl of Meath has received from the Director of Education for Victoria, Australia, a account of Empire Day celebrations which took place in that State. The Director states that 240,000 schoolchildren joined in the festivities, and the flying of the national flag and the wearing of national emblems clearly indicated that the occasion was of national moment to the people. As the result of a unanimous answer to questions put by him to the children, the Governor, Sir R. Talbot, sent the following message to the King:—

I venture to send this message to your Majesty. Two hundred and forty thousand children in Victoria declare that they will ever be loyal to the Empire under the flag which represents liberty and justice; that they are your Majesty's faithful subjects, and will fear God and honour the King.

SUICIDE DURING INTOXICATION.

The unusual verdict of suicide during intoxication was returned yesterday at an inquest at Liverpool on the body of Jas. Travis, brewer's labourer, deceased, who obtained quantities of beer from draymen on their rounds, and while mad with drink, after assaulting his wife and family, he went and hanged himself in the back yard. In another case Ernest Taylor, 33, plumber's assistant, poisoned himself by inhaling gas in remorse at having given way to drink.

RETIRING BANDMASTER.

A MUSICIAN'S REMARKABLE RECORD.

Mr. W. J. Kirkby, of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regt., stationed at Bordon Camp, Aldershot command, retires from the service to-morrow, after completing almost 43 years in the same regiment. He has a wonderful record, and his service is unique from the fact that he was born in the regiment and has never yet left it. Mr. Kirkby was born in the old 22nd Foot on Jan. 31, 1865, and enlisted on Oct. 5, 1883, being promoted band-leader in 1876 and bandmaster in February, 1880. He obtained warrant rank when it was first instituted, July 1, 1881. Quite a demonstration is to be made to-morrow on the occasion of his departure. His successor is Mr. A. Noble from Kneller Hall, a former member of the Scots Guards Band.

A BURIAL SCANDAL.

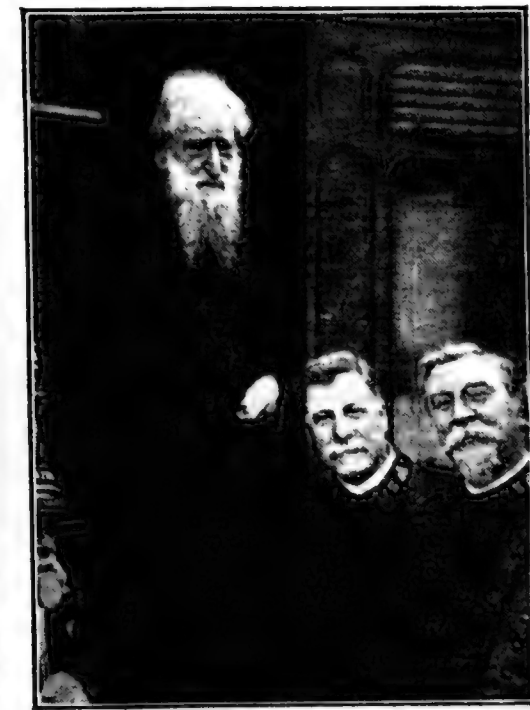
CHARGE OF OPENING A GRAVE. An alleged serious burial scandal in the little town of Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells, culminated in a charge at Tonbridge Police Court against Geo. Tipping, vergeman and sexton at St. Peter's Church, Southborough, and Bert Harris, labourer, of wilfully causing to be dug open a certain grave in the churchyard, wherein the body of Emily Pack was buried in July, 1880.—Mr. Wm. Lewis who prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, said that in 1904 an order came into existence providing that no new burial ground should be opened, but burials could be allowed in a grave of members of the same family where a depth of 5ft could be obtained. In 1905 Tipping was made sexton, but was paid nothing, receiving burial fees only. In July last Ed. Pack died, and it was the wish of his relatives that he should be buried in the same grave as his sister. The sexton was approached on the matter, and the grave was opened, Mr. Gallard, brother-in-law, being present at the time.

DIGGING OUT THE CORPSE. After a depth of about 4ft. had been reached the diggers came across a cavity, and orders were given to cease work. This was done, but counsel stated, witnesses would be called who would state that they saw further work in operation at night time. One witness noticed parts of remains of a body among the earth which the men threw up. The sexton told Gallard that he thought they would just manage it. Subsequently Gallard saw that the grave had been dug out, being much deeper than it was when he had last seen it.—A witness named Later, who was engaged carting the earth away, described how he saw Harris standing on the coffin digging out the corpse. The skull, with the hair and teeth, had already been thrown on to the heap of earth. Harris said he had orders to do the work. He was to clear the coffin out and dig a few inches deeper. He was being paid, he said, by the sexton.—The case was adjourned.

GENERAL BOOTH.

ANOTHER VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA.

There were enthusiastic scenes at Waterloo yesterday when General Booth left London for his tour through South Africa by the 213 train to join the 22nd Walmer Castle en route for Cape Town. The General's visit will include the chief towns



THE "GENERAL" MAKING HIS FAREWELL SPEECH AT WATERLOO STATION.

(Photo, Graphic Press.)

in South Africa. He was accompanied by Colonel Lawley, Colonel Kitchen and Adj. Richards (the General's private secretary), a son of Commissioner Richards, in charge of the Salvation Army work in South Africa. A number of prominent officials and workers in the Salvation Army were present to take farewell of the revered General, who, as usual, looked remarkably well and was in high spirits. Among those who came to the platform to wish "God speed" to the

leader of the Salvation Army is due to arrive in Cape Town on Aug. 23, where there will be a civic reception. He will then visit Johannesburg on the 28th, Pretoria on the 31st, Bloemfontein on Sept. 2, Kroonstadt on the 4th, Ladysmith on the 5th, Maritzburg on the 6th, and Durban on the 8th. Then he will re-embark on this time on the Kintyre Castle, for East London, where he is due to arrive on the 12th, and later he will go to King Williamstown, Port Elizabeth, and get to Capetown on September 30, where a week will be spent before his departure for home on the Saxton on Oct. 7. On arriving at the station the General had a most cordial reception. Quite a little procession walked up the platform with him.

Possibilities of Rhodesia.

It is doubtful whether Rhodesia will be visited after all, though the possibilities of this colony are admitted to be one of the chief reasons for the journey. Much will depend on the inquiries which the General will be able to make on the spot. The great

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The General's Message. On the way up to the station, which was at the front part of the train, the General gave his usual message to the Press representatives. It was as follows:—

The practical exemplification of a goodness, truth, and righteousness is the supreme need of all classes of society. And I am going to South Africa more than ever imbued with the determination to enforce this. The General was then photographed, and addressed a few words to his friends gathered round the carriage door. He asked God to bless them and to save them both in life and eternity, to bless their sons and daughters, and to lead all into salvation. In concluding the General cannot laugh by referring to eating and drinking, and added, "I don't think there will be any animal at all up there in Heaven." General Booth interchanged much fun with the photographers, and his last words to his friends were: "Good-bye. Do your duty and we shall meet again, and if you do not I don't want to see you." The army gave a volley and the general crowd cheered the venerable leader again and again as the train steamed out of the station.

CASHIER MURDERED.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS IN BRADFORD TRAGEDY.

Bradford City Court was again crowded yesterday, when Rbt. Ellwood, aged 41, insurance agent, was charged on remand with causing the death of Thos. Wilkinson, cashier in a Bradford office, on Friday week. Prisoner stepped lightly into the dock, looking round eagerly for his wife. He appeared brighter, his appearance being generally much smarter.—The case was adjourned till next Saturday with the prospect of a further remand.

IRISH AGENT'S DEATH.

Yesterday, at Clerkenwell, Mr. Schroeder held an inquest on Henry (Christopher) Twissale, 39, an Irish land agent, lately residing at 68, Wellington-rd., Dublin, who died suddenly on Thursday, soon after his arrival in London.—Mrs. Isabella Twissale, the widow, said she and her husband returned from a trip to Denmark on Thursday evening, and put up at the Huston Station Hotel. During the night she was disturbed by deceased's heavy breathing, and found he was unconscious. She summoned assistance, but her husband died soon afterwards. He had suffered at times from apoplexy, but had not undergone any operation.—Dr. Hollings said the cause of death was disease of the aortic valve, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

VETERAN 'BUS DRIVER.

BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD.

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MR. J. P. WHITE.

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